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PROCEEDINGS.

First Day—Morning Session.

Baptist Union Church, Thursday Sept. 4, 1884.

The New River Association of Baptists convened with Baptist Union Church, Grayson County, Va., in its fourteenth Annual Session, Thursday, Sept. 4th, A. D., 1884. The annual sermon was preached by Elder J. F. Fletcher, from the text contained in II. Cor. 4th chapter and 5th verse: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Prayer by Elder A. Stamey.

The Association took a short recess, and at 1 o'clock it was called to order by the Moderator; Letters from the different churches were presented and read, and the names of delegates enrolled. An opportunity was offered for newly constituted churches to unite with this body, and Elder A. Stamey presented a letter from Snow Hill Baptist Church, Grayson county, Va., asking admittance into this Association, which was read, and on motion said church was received, and the hand of fellowship extended to its delegates by the Moderator.

On motion of Elder C. J. Woodson, Elder W. C. Parks was chosen Moderator of this Association by acclamation, and in like manner H. A. Eller was chosen Clerk and Treasurer; both of whom accepted, and the Moderator announced that the Association was ready for business.

An opportunity was offered for visiting brethren to report themselves, and Elder B. W. Ashley, of the Elkin Association, and Elder J. F. Maiden, of the Lebanon, reported themselves, and the hand of fellowship was extended to them by the Moderator, and they took seats with the body.

The following committees were then announced by the Moderator:

On Arrangements.—Brethren James Eller, C. J. Woodson, J. F. York, Z. B. V. Sherrill, W. H. Blevins, with visiting brethren.

On Finance.—J. F. York, G. C. Gilbert and John Kirk.

On Time, Place and Preacher for Next Association.—A. Stamey, W. M. Stamper and A. F. Wilcox.

On Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Delegates of this church with A. J. Holdaway.

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The committee last named submitted the following report:

Preaching in the church to-night at the usual hour, by Elder B. W. Ashley, and on to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at the stand, by Elder J. F Maiden.

The letter from Galena Church was presented and read, and the delegates took seats with the body.

On motion the Association agreed to meet on to-morr ow morning and each following day at half past 8 o'clock and spend half an hour in devotional exercises, and begin business promptly at 9

On motion the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder C. J. Woodson. Benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 5th, 1884.

The Association met at half past 8 o'clock, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, and came to order for business at 9 o'clock.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called and corrected. The delegates from New Hope Church presented a letter which was read, and the names of the delegates enrolled. The report of the committee on arrangements was submitted by Bro. James Eller and adopted.

Bro. David Howard, from the Wautauga Assocition, reported himself and took a seat with the Association.

The letter from New Hope Church contained a request for a letter of dismission from this body, which, on motion, was granted, after remarks by Elders Parks and Stamey.

The following committeè on resolutions was announced by the Moderator: Brethren J. Eller, Z. B. V. Sherrill and A. A. Kerr.

The report on temperance was submitted by Elder J. F. Fletcher, and after remarks by Elders Stamey, Ashley, Kerr, Woodson, Fletcher and Davis the report was adopted.

On motion of C. J. Woodson, all speechers were limited to the time of ten minutes.

The Association took a recess at the hour of 11, to hear a sermon by Elder J. F. Maiden, at the stand. Text, Matthew 8th chapter, 1st to the 3d verses.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed business at half past one o'clock.

Elder J. M. Halsey, from the Lebanon Association, and Prof. H. C. Buchholz representative of Oak Hill Academy, were introduced to the Association and welcomed to seats with the body.

Elder C. J. Woodson offered the following resolution on church building.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the enterprise inaugurated by Brother C. J. Woodson for the erection of a Baptist Church in the town of Wytheville, and do hereby pledge him our prayers, sympathy and cordial co-operation

And after remarks by Eldes Woodson and Kerr, a collection was taken for the benefit of Wytheville church, amounting to $10.35. The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on *Time, Place and Preacher*, for next Association submitted the following report:

Thursday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1885, the time; Snow Hill church, Grayson county, Va., eighteen miles East of Independence, Va., and seven and a half miles South-east of Old Town, Va., the place. Elder W. C. Parks to preach the Annual Sermon, and Elder C. J. Woodson alternate; remarks were submitted by Elders Woodson, Stamey and Kerr. The report was adopted.

The Committee on religious exercises submitted the following report.

Prof. H. C. Buchholz to preach at 3 o'clock this evening at the stand; Elder A. A. Kerr to-night at the church; Elder L. D. Vaughan to-night at Perkins' School House; Elder A. Stamey to-night at Cross Roads, and Elder C. J. Woodson, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at the stand.

On motion, Prof. Buchholz was requested to prepare a report on Education, and Elder J. F. Maiden a report on Ministers' Relief Fund, in the absence of the original Committees.

Elder A. Stamey submitted a report on the Duties of Pastors to Churches, the substance of which was adopted.

On motion, the report on Education was made the special order for 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

Elders R. B. Boatright from the Lebanon Association and W. R. L. Smith, President of the Home Mission Board of the State of Va., with Brother J. T. Ellyson, representative of the *Religious Herald*, arrived and were introduced to the Association, and welcomed to seats.

The following resolution on Ministers' Relief Fund was offered by Elder J. F. Maiden:

Resolved, That this Association is in hearty sympathy with the Ministers' Relief Board, and should do more for our disabled ministers and helpless families in the future.

Remarks by Bro. L. N. Perkins, the Moderator, and Elder W. R. L. Smith. The resolution was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. B. Boatright. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Sept. 6th, 1884.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called.

Bro. J. Eller offered a resolution on Periodicals, which was recommitted for the insertion of other papers which the association desired to recommend.

The subject of Home Missions was introduced by the following resolution offered, by Elder W. R. L. Smith:

Resolved, That we feel a deep interest in the work of Home Missions, and recognize our obligation to give it our substantial support.

And after speeches by Elders Smith, Boatright and Buchholz the resolution was adopted. The report on Education was submitted by Prof. H C. Buchholz, and after remarks by Bro. J. T. Ellyson and Prof. H. C. Buchholz, the report was adopted.

The Association took a recess till 1 o'clock to hear a sermon by Elder R. B. Boatright at the stand. After the sermon the following announcement for preaching was made for night:

At the church by Elder J. M. Halsey; at Crossroads by Elder J. F. Maiden; at Perkins' School House by Elder B. W. Ashley; at the Cove School House by Elders A. A. Kerr and C. J. Woodson, and at the stand this evening at 3 o'clock by Prof. Buchholz.

For Sunday. A Sunday School Mass Meeting at 9 o'clock, A. M., and at 10 o'clock Elder W. R. L. Smith to preach at the stand, and R. B. Boatright to follow.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed business at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The report on Education was reconsidered, and after remarks by Prof. Buchholz it was adopted.

Brother L. N. Perkins submitted a report on *State Missions*. Remarks were offered by Brethren Ellyson, Stamey, Woodson, Perkins, Boatright and the Moderator, and in connection with the consideration of this report Elders L. D. Vaughan and A. S. Murry, Missionaries in the bounds of this Association, under the appointment of the State Mission Board of Va., submitted reports of the amount of work done by them, and the amounts by each received on the field. The former having received on the field $31.45, and the latter $44.50. The report was adopted and the Association agreed to take a collection on to-morrow for State Missions.

Elder C. J. Woodson offered a report on Sunday School and Bible Board, which was adopted.

Bro. J. Eller submitted a report on *Foreign Missions*, and after remarks by Elders Smith, Stamey and the Moderator, the report was adopted.

Bro. J. F. York submitted the following report on finance:

Received for printing Minutes $27.13, and for Foreign Missions, $1.75.

The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. J. Eller and adopted:

Resolved, 1st., That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very kind manner in which they have entertained this Association. And,

Resolved, 2nd., That this body tender its thanks to Elder W. C. Parks and Bro. H. A. Eller for their services as its officers.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. J. Eller, and after remarks by brethren Ellyson, Woodson, Eller, Perkins and the Moderator, it was adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially recommend the *Religious Herald*, the *Biblical Recorder*, the *Home and Foreign Journal* and the *Oak Hill Bulletin*, as worthy of the support and patronage of this Association.

The following Standing Committees were announced.

On State Missions—Z. B. V. Sherrill.

On Foreign Missions—E. W. Reedy.

On Sunday School and Bible Board—J. H. Larrowe.

On Education—A. A. Kerr.

On Ministers' Relief Fund—W. H. Blevins.

On Temperance—James Mullins.

Executive Committee—L. N. Perkins, John Hundler, Stephen Perkins, W. G. Young and R. W. Young.

On motion of brother C. J. Woodson, the Association adjourned

to time and place before stated. Prayer by Elder Boatright. The brethren united in singing and extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by the Moderator.

W. C. PARKS, *Moderator.*

H. A. ELLER, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

At 9 o'clock a Sunday School mass meeting was held. Elder W. C. Parks was chosen moderator of the meeting.

On motion all speeches were limited to five minutes time; and the people were addressed upon the subject of Sunday Schools by brethren J. Eller, J. H. Larrowe, W. F. Vaughan, J. T. Ellyson, R. B. Boatright, C. J. Woodson, J. L. Gilbert, P. Mullins, H. C. Buchholz, W. G. Young, E. W. Reedy and A. Stamey, which we trust will be a help to the Sunday School work in our churches. The meeting adjourned.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder W. R. L. Smith preached to the vast assembly of people in the grove from the text contained in Exodus, 14–15, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward," which we think made a lasting impression for good.

Elder R. B. Boatright concluded by explaining the work and needs of the State Mission Board, with an appeal to the Association to aid in this work, and $10.19 was contributed to this cause.

Thus passed another delightful session of the New River Association, and all our oportunities for doing good are gone with the year. Brethren, let us do more for Christ during our next Associational year, and thereby be made stronger both in the faith and in numbers.

CLERK.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a virtue without pride, and a fortune without envy; the best guardian of youth and support of old age; the preceptor of reason as well as of religion, and physician of the soul as well as of the body; the tutelar goddess of health and universal medicine of life. While upon the other hand it has been said that the "evils of intemperance cannot be exaggerated;" but to look at it in its different aspects it is:

1st. *A Moral Evil.* It is a canker in the church, bringing disgrace and reproach upon its members; a festering sore in the State, begetting rottenness in our government; a pestilence in society, whose miasma penetrates our homes and blasts our fairest hopes. No figures can recon up the moral evils of this unhallowed traffic; but from our own land 100,000 souls march annually under its banner to their miserable doom. Can we be silent and guiltless? It is *the great* moral evil of the age; and all the moral forces of the church and State must combine to combat it.

2nd. *It is a Social Evil.* It retards the progress of Society by sapping at once the power and aspiration for improvement.

3rd. *It is a Political Evil.* It robs the State of thousands of her best citizens. It is the parent of most crimes and ally of all. It is estimated that the orphans produced by *intemperance* if standing hand in hand would reach three times around the earth. Will we stop our ears while the cries of those orphans pierce the very heavens and call upon the church of the living God to come to their rescue?

4th. *It is a Financial Evil.* It costs our government over $600,000,000 annually. Give the church this amount and she can take the world for Christ.

With these facts before us let us rise and assert our authority in church and State and put this evil from among us.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. FLETCHER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON THE DUTIES OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES.

Pastor—A shepherd or a minister selected to watch over and instruct a congregation. For this great work he should be qualified. 1st. Called of God with a will to obey, and 2nd, he should attain to the greatest amount of knowledge, and especially should he understand the teaching of the Scriptures. Christ commanded Peter to feed his sheep; and Peter commands us to feed the flock of God. Therefore, we conclude that the duty of a pastor is to feed the church on the doctrines of the Bible, the precious promises to be realized if obedient, and God's wrath to be felt if the people continue to disobey his commands. To council, advise and exhort in all things pertain-

ing to the interest of the cause of Christ. Not by constraint nor for the hope of temporal reward, but willingly for Christ's sake.

Paul commands us to preach the word, which is one of the pastor's duties and which should be done, both by precept and by example. We should be urgent whether the circumstances are favorable or unfavorable, and strive to make oportunities by the use of which good may be done and the church blessed and strengthened. The duties of pastors are many and their responsibilities great: so much so that we, as pastors, should continually ask and depend upon God to help us perform these many duties and thereby build up the church and establish the people of God upon the faith once delivered to the saints.

O, ye Heavenly minded, self-denying pastors! Take courage! Preach Jesus and fear no evil, for never can you preach a sermon or perform a duty in the Spirit of your office which the God of all grace will permit to be unfruitful. Though you go forth sowing in sorrow, yet shall you return rejoicing, bringing the golden sheaves with you.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER STAMEY, *Chairman.*

EDUCATION.

Education is essentially a part of Christianity.

The promotion of *Christian* education among the Baptist of New River, forms an important feature of the work of the Association. The following is a summary of the present needs of the work.

1. The Association should have under its care at least two young men studying for the Christian ministry.

2. Worthy young men full of the spirit of the Master's work, should be encouraged to enter upon a course of studies preparatory for the ministry.

3. Instruction in the Oak Hill Academy, the institution founded by this Association, should be, first earnestly Christian, and second, of the highest attainable excellense.

4. Oak Hill Academy should form connection with Richmond and Wake Forest Colleges, becoming a feeder to those institutions.

5. Every Baptist in the New River Association should heartily co-operate in supporting a Baptist school.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BUCHHOLZ.

STATE MISSIONS.

According to the statistics of the State Mission Board of the General Association of Va., the Board is in an embarrassing condition financially, and in consequence thereof some nineteen (19) Missionariers have had to be discontinued by the board. We deeply regret this condition of one of the most important objects of this Association and would earnestly recommend that some steps be taken by this Association to give the State Mission Board more substantial aid than has heretofore been given.

Respectfully submitted.

L. N. PERKINS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Work is a subject that commends its self to our favorable consideration and should receive our hearty support. While there has been much done in this direction there still remains much more to be done. We therefore recommend that the churches in this association aid the Foreign Mission Board, both their by their liberal donations and prayers during the next year.

Respectfully submitted. J. ELLER.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE BOARD

Has done a good year's work. Twenty-five Colporteurs have been employed, who preached 1013 sermons; organized 26 Sunday Schools; baptised 191 persons, and organized 3 churches. They gave away 290 Bibles, 504 Testaments and 576 other religious books. They sold 1655 Bibles 1949 Testaments, and 3229 other books. This work is done among the destitute and is really missionary in its character. It is worthy of our cordial support and we hope it will secure a contribution from every church in our Association during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

C. J. WOODSON.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES.

Foreign Missions.—Forest Home $1.75, Wytheville $5.00, White Top $1.35. Total, $8.10.

State Missions.—Laurel $1.75, Pleasant Grove $8.50, State Line $2.50, White Top $13.25, Wytheville $5.00, Young's Chapel $7.00. Total $38.00.

Home Missions.—Pleasant Home $0.50, Wytheville $5.00.

Sunday School and Bible Board.—White Top $1.02, Wytheville $10.00. Total $11.02.

Total to all the Boards $62.62.

Ordained Ministers —Galena 1, Landmark 1. Mt. Pleasant 1, Pine Branch 2, New Hope 1, Snow Hill 1, White Top 4, Wytheville 1, Young's Chapel 1. Total 13.

Licentiates.—Apple Grove 1, Liberty Hill 2, White Top 1, Wytheville 1. Total 5.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1884.

	Dr.		Cr.
To cash for printing Minutes,	$21.13	By cash paid for printing Minutes,	$21.13
To cash for Clerk's fee,	6.00	By cash paid clerk of As ,	6.00
To cash received for Foreign missions,	1 75	By cash paid Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board,	1.75
To cash received for State missions,	10.19	By cash paid Treasurer of State Mission Board,	10.19
Total am't in treasury,	$39,07	Total am't paid out,	$39.07

H. A. ELLER, Treasurer.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Apple Grove,	A. Stamey, Meadow Creek, Va ,	A. Prewitt, Weasel, Ashe county, N. C.
Baptist Union,	W. C. Parks, Mo. of Wilson, Va.,	M. D. Holdaway, Flat Ridge, Va.
Fellowship,	A. S. Murry, Bridal Creek, Va.,	Wm. Stamper, Elk Creek, Va.
Forest Home,	J. F. Fletcher, Walnut Hill, N. C.,	H. A. Eller, Mo. of Buffalo, N. C.
Grubb's Chapel,	W. C. Parks, Mo. of Wilson, Va.,	J. H. Larrowe, Bridal Creek, Va.
Galena,	L. D. Vaughan, Stephen's Creek, Va.,	W. R. Sprinkle, Stephen's Creek, Va.
Hebron,	None Reported.	None Reported.
Liberty Hill,	W. C. Parks, Mo. of Wilson, Va.,	R. W. Young, Grant, Va.
Laurel,	N. M. Clevins, Green Cove, Va.,	E Pennington, Green Cove, Va.
Landmark,	J. F. Fletcher, Walnut Hill, N. C.,	A. Barker, Walnut Hill, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant,	None Reported.	A. P. Howell, Walnut Hill, N. C.
New Hope,	W. M. Hall, Sparta, N. C.,	Allen Jones, Prather's Creek, N. C.
Pickets,	None Reported.	None Reported.
Pleasant Home,	W. C. Parks, Mo. of Wilson, Va.,	A Blevins, Bristol, N. C.
Pleasant Grove,	None Reported.	J. N. Kirk, Independence, Va.
Pine Branch,	None Reported.	A. C. Hash, Fox, Va.
State Line,	N. M. Blevins, Green Cove, Va.,	L. L. Ray, Matney, Tenn.
Snow Hill,	E. J. Adams, Mt. Nebo, N. C.,	J. A. Shuylor, Meadow Creek, Va.
White Top,	N. M. Blevins, Green Cove, Va.,	F. L. Lewis, Green Cove, Va.
Wytheville,	C. J. Woodson, Wytheville, Va.,	A. A. Kerr, Reed Island, Va.
Young'sChapel,	D S. Hubble, Holstin Mills, Va.,	I. F. Young, Mo. of Wilson, Va.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Sabbaths of Preaching. ‖	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Received by Application.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dis. by Letter	Died.	Paid Pastors.	Printing Minutes.	S.S. Teachers and Scholars.	Total membership.
Apple Grove,	2	Wm. Miller, A. Prewitt, H. B. Spence, R. B. Atkins,	9	3	2	1	..	1	..	$5 60	$1 50	34	61
Baptist Union,	1	S. Perkins, J. Ross, J. W. Ross, L. W Brewer,	..	....	.....	..	2	..	..	26 00	1 65	none	113
Fellowship,	4	J. F. York, W. M. Stamey, J. W. Sloan, J. Cornett,	..	....	.....	..	2	..	..	8 00	84	*35	58
Forest Home,	2&4	J. Eller, A. F. Wilcox, H. A. Eller,	11	1	3	..	1	2	..	50 00	2 50	70	63
Grubb's Chapel,	2	N. E. Bishop, J. H. Larrowe, J. Grubb, J. Young,	..	1	.....	..	1	1	..	18 50	1 10	64	58
Galena,	1	W. R. Sprinkle, B. Byrd, E. Boren, L. D. Vaughan,	14	....	.....	..	..	..	2	25 00	1 10	50	65
Hebron,		Not Represented.	..	....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	§19
Liberty Hill,	3	J. M. Mullins, W. W. Lovelace, P. Mullins, E. H. Watson,	3	....	.....	..	3	..	..	24 75	1 60	36	77
Laurel,	3	S. Pennington, E. Pennington,	..	....	.....	..	3	2	..	7 70	1 00	†	25
Landmark,	1	A. Barker, J. F. Fletcher,	2	....	.....	..	..	2	..	22 13	50	†	38
Mt. Pleasant,	3	Not Represented.	..	....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	§49
New Hope,	2	A. Jones, H. E. McMillan,	..	....	.....	..	..	2	..	.....	1 25	30	26
Pickets	....	Not Represented.	..	....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	§21
Pleasant Home,	4	E. W. Reedy, J. W. Hudler,	11	3	....	..	..	..	2	18 00	1 50	60	60
Pleasant Grove,	4	W. F. Vaughan, Thos. Johnson, J. Mabery, J. N. Kirk,	10	1	....	..	..	..	..	.....	1 45	†	24
Pine Branch,	3	A.S.Murry, M.York, A.C.Holdaway, M.Lane, F.Hash, W.Hash,	..	2	.....	..	1	..	..	.....	1 24	30	44
State Line,	4	J. L. Gilbert, G. C. Gilbert, T. M. Morgan, L. L. Ray,	..	....	.....	..	4	..	..	9 09	1 50	*50	35
Snow Hill,	3	A. Stamey, W. G. Carrico.	..	....	.....	..	..	..	..	19 00	1 65	82	21
White Top,	1	W. H. Blevins, F. L. Lewis, M. Miller,	25	3	5	..	2	..	..	16 50	3 00	50	126
Wytheville,	3	C. J. Woodson, A. A. Kerr, —(L. N. Perkins,	..	....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	1 25	....	31
Young's Chapel,	2	W. C. Parks, Z. B. V. Sherrill, R. F. Young, A. C. Hash,	..	1	....	..	..	9	1	60 00	2 50	70	60
			85	15	10	1	19	19	5	359 27	$21 13	661	1074

‖Church Conference for business on Saturday before Sundays of preaching. *Estimated. †None reported. §Reported last year.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Body shall be known as the NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. It shall be composed of delegates from the churches of this Union, as follows: Each church may send all its ordained ministers and four additional delegates, all of whom shall be white persons.

II. This Association shall have no more control over the churches than the right to enquire into their condition, to advise them, and to withdraw its fellowship from such as may be corrupt in doctrine or practice. Its objects shall be to promote among them fraternal union and sympathy, and mutual co-operation in Christian effort.

III. Each church will be expected to contribute to an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the Body. The Association will also receive and disburse, according to the direction of the donors, funds for any religious enterprise approved by it.

IV. Each church will be expected to send to every session of the Association a letter stating the name of its pastor, and also the names of other ordained and licensed ministers in connection with it; of its delegate of the church, discriminating between white and colored members, and male and female white members of Sunday-schools, of contributions for the Associational fund and other benevolent purposes, its time of regular meeting, together with such other information as it may deem valuable.

V. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen at each session of the Association by a majority of the members present, who shall hold office until new elections shall have taken place.

VI. If the Moderator be absent at the opening of a session any delegate may be called to the chair *pro tempore*.

VII. The initial proceeding, after divine worship, shall be calling the Association to order, reading letters, electing officers, and appointing a Committee of Arrangements.

VIII. The Committee of Arrangements shall prepare business for the Association, and all business shall be attended to in the order in which they arrange it, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the Body.

IX. Any regular Baptist church may be admitted to membership in this Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the time of application, and any church in convention shall be entitled to a letter of dismission unless there are charges against it of corruption in doctrine or practice; and if any church belonging to its Body shall fail to represent for two successive sessions, the Association may appoint a committee to enquire into the cause of such failure.

X. This Association shall convene at least once a year, at such time and place as it may appoint.

XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of the Body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

XII. This Association may receive corresponding messengers from other Associations upon information of their appointment as such, and visiting ministers whose standing is known or vouched for by some known brother.

XIII. Any member of this Body attending a corresponding Body may report himself as a delegate.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE I. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session at the hour appointed at the adjournment and call the members to order, and at a suitable season the list of Messengers shall be called over.

II. The Moderator shall preserve due order and decorum. It shall be his province to determine points of order, subject, however, to an appeal of the Association. If two brethren rise to speak, he shall name the one entitled to the floor.

III. The Moderator, while occupying the chair, may not speak on propositions in the way of discussion or debate, but may call another to the chair and have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

IV. Any member wishing to participate in discussion, or to offer a proposition, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall not proceed until his name shall be called, or he is otherwise recognized.

V. The Moderator shall rise to put a question, but he may state it sitting.

VI. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.

VII. No member shall absent himself from the Association temporarily without leave of the Moderator, nor finally without leave of the Body.

VIII. The Association shall appoint two brethren, the one to be principal, the other alternate, to preach the next introductory sermon.

IX. The Constitution and By-Laws of this Association shall be read at every session of the Body, immediately after its organization.

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1896.

MINUTES

——OF THE——

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

——HELD WITH——

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH,

GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Sept. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, '96.

M. B. YOUNG, Moderator.

J. F. FLETCHER, Clerk,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

M. B. YOUNG, ... Edgewater, Va.
C. L. BLEVINS, ... White Top, Va.
J. W. STAMEY, ... Higgins, Va.

Next Session will be held with State Line Church, Johnson county, Tennessee, commencing on Sept. 2nd, 1897.

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PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

BAPTIST UNION—J. F. Fletcher.	Edgewater, Va.
BLUE RIDGE CHAPEL—J. A. Schuler,	Higgins, Va.
BRUSH CREEK—L. D. Vaughan	Dell, Va.
CORINTH—Elihu Tucker	Bud, N. C.
FELLOWSHIP—T. R. Fulton	Summerfield, Va.
FRIENDSHIP—J. M. Carter	Bernice, N. C.
FLAT RIDGE—J. F. Haga	Flat Ridge, Va.
GRUBB'S CHAPEL—L. D. Vaughan	Dell, Va.
GROSSES CREEK—Elihu Tucker	Bud, N. C.
GALENA—L. D. Vaughan	Dell, Va.
HAW ORCHARD—G. J. Henderson	Rugby, Va.
HEBRON—W. F. Brannock	Higgins, Va.
INDEPENDENCE—J. F. Fletcher	Edgewater, Va.
LAUREL—J. R. Brown	Green Grove, Va.
LIBERTY HILL—J. F. Fletcher	Edgewater, Va.
MT. CARMEL—J. O. Burchett	Amorita, Va.
MOUNTAIN VIEW—A. J. Hart	Green Cove, Va.
PINE BRANCH—J. F. Fletcher.	Edgewater, Va.
PLEASANT GROVE—L. D. Vaughan	Dell, Va.
SNOW HILL—A. Davis	Low Gap, N. C.
STATE LINE—J. F. Davis	Amantha, N. C.
WHITE TOP—T. F. Edmondson	Green Cove, Va.
WINGATE'S CHAPEL—J. O. Burchett	Amorita, Va.
YOUNG'S CHAPEL—J. F. Fletcher	Edgewater, Va.

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CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

BAPTIST UNION—G. W. Brewer....Flat Ridge, Va.
BLUE RIDGE CHAPEL—J. W. Combs, Cold Springs, Va.
BRUSH CREEK—J. E. Poe.....Independence, Va.
CORINTH—Elihu Baker.....Rugby, Va.
FELLOWSHIP—J. E. Collins.....Comer's Rock, Va.
FRIENDSHIP—E. J. Watson.....Trout Dale, Va.
FLAT RIDGE—E. W. Ross.....Flat Ridge, Va.
GRUBB'S CHAPEL—J. F. Young.....Bridle Creek, Va.
GROSSES CREEK—W. H. Blevins....Grosses. Va
GALENA—O. M. Moore. .....Dell, Va.
HAW ORCHARED—W. W. Davis.....Tug, Va.
HEBRON—G. C. Mooney.....Gambetta, Va.
INDEPENDENCE—M. B. Dickey .....Independence, Va.
LAUREL—F. L. Lewis .....Grosses, Va.
LIBERTY HILL—R. W. Young .....Grant, Va.
MT. CARMEL—L. W. Anders.....Independence, Va.
MOUNTAIN VIEW—M. Sturgill.....Azer, Va.
PINE BRANCH—Dennis Hash..... Major, Va.
PLEASANT GROVE—W. F. Vaughan, Ellis, Va.
SNOW HILL—A. E. Brannock.....Higgins, Va.
STATE LINE—Alex. Gentry..... Medina, Va.
WHITE TOP—Wells Blevins.....Green Cove, Va.
WINGATE'S CHAPEL—M. J. Holbrook, Long's Gap, Va.
YOUNG'S CHAPEL—C. S. Young.....Edgewater, Va.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be known as the NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. It shall be composed of delegates from this union as follows: Each church may send all its ordained ministers and four additional delegates, all of whom shall be white persons.

II This Association shall have no more control over the churches than the right to inquire into their condition, to advise them, and to withdraw its fellowship from such as may be corrupt in doctrine or practice. Its object shall be to promote among them fraternal union and sympathy and mutual co operation in Christian effort.

III. Each church will be expected to contribute to an Associational fund for defraying the expense of the body. The Association will also receive and disburse, according to the direction of the donors funds for any religious enterprise approved by it.

IV. Each church will be expected to send to every session of the Association a letter stating the name of its pastor, and the name of other ordained or licensed ministers in connection with it; of its delegates of the church, discriminating between white and colored members, male and female, white members, of Sunday Schools, of contributions for the Association fund, and other benevolent objects, its times of regular meeting, together with such other information as it may deem valuable.

V. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrage of the members present who shall hold office until other elections shall have taken place.

VI. If the Moderator be absent at the beginning of a session, any delegate may be called to the chair PRO-TEMPORE.

VII. The initial proceeding after divine worship, shall be calling the Association to order, electing officers, and appointing a committee on arrangements.

VIII. The committee of arrangements shall prepare business for the Association and all business shall be attended to in the order in which they arrange it unless otherwise directed by a vote of the body.

IX. Any regular Baptist Church may be admitted to membership in this Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the time of application, and any church in convention shall be entitled to a letter of dismission unless there be charges against it of corruption in doctrine or practice; and if any church belonging to this body shall fail to represent for two successive sessions, the Association may appoint a committee to inquire into the cause of such failure.

X. This Association shall convene at least once a year at such time and place as it may appoint.

XI. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the body, provided the proposed amendment shall have been offered at least one year previous and shall be concurred in by two-thirds of the delegates present.

XII. This Association may receive corresponding messengers from other Associations upon information of their appointment as such, and visiting ministers whose standing is known or vouched for by some known brother.

MINUTES.

INDEPENDENCE, Va., Sept. 3rd, 1896.

1. The New River Baptist Association met this day, in its 26th annual session, with Independence Baptist Church.

2. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 A. M., by C. T. Taylor. Text, 2 Tim., 2c. 3v. T. R. Fulton and J. F. Maiden taking part in the exercises.

3. Adjourned for one hour and a half.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4. The Association called to order at 1:30 P. M., by Moderator.

5. The roll of churches were called and letters from twenty-three churches were handed in.

6. Delegates as subsequently reported were enrolled as follows:

Baptist Union—G. W. Brewer, E. F. Ross, J. A. J. Tucker.

Blue Ridge Chapel—J. C. Combs, N. Payne, C. S. Carrico.

Brush Creek—T. R. Windsor, J. C. Vaughan, J. E. Poe, Ephriam Boyer.

Corinth—J. F. Plummer, Jas. Hart.

Fellowship (formerly Rural Glenn)—R. F. Hale, J. E. Collins, Wm. Stamper, D. F. Parks.

Friendship—J. T. Anderson.

Flat Ridge—J. F. Haga.

Grubb's Chapel—Alex. Grubb, J. F. Young, T. W. Bishop, R. H. Hash, J. H. LaRue.

Galena—L. D. Vaughan, O. M. Moore, G. E. Edwards.

Haw Orchard—W. W. Davis, J. W. Farmer.

Hebron—T. J. Johnson, Wm. Childers.

Independence—M. B. Dickey, J. C. Taylor, Jesse Johnston, Cabell Fulton.

Laurel—Andrew Haga, Uriah Penington.

Liberty Hill—W. P. McGinnis, R. W. Young, C. P. Greer.

Mt. Carmel—Jas. Moss, R. M. Calston, J. O. Burchett, L. W. Anders.

Mountain View—Wm. Henderson, J. F. Blevins, Felix Blevins.

Pine Branch—A. C. Holdaway, Dennis Hash, A. G. Hash, J. M. Parks, J. S. Murray, A. S. Murray.

Pleasant Grove—R. E. Wingate, J. C. Hall, J. G. Walker, Geo. Jenkins.

Snow Hill—S. F. Brannock, J. W. Stamey, W. F. Brannock, J. M. Mooney, J. A. Schuyler.

State Line—J. L. Gilbert, A. Gentry.

White Top—A. J. Blevins, T. F. Edmondson, Wm. Woody, Marion Miller, G. L. Blevins, —— Brown.

Wingate Chapel—Letter and no delegates.

Young's Chapel—A. C. Hash, Floyd Speeks, W. G. Young, I. N. Young.

7. An opportunity was then given for newly constituted churches to unite with this body when a letter was presented by delegates from Grosses Creek Church, Smythe county, Va., with the following report:

Constituted Sept. 5, 1895, with 11 members. Present membership, males 7, females 15, total 22. E. W. E. Tucker, pastor; Ambrose Weaver, assistant pastor. The church was received upon condition that assistant pastor, who is a Methodist, be removed.

8 Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body when the following were recognized:

Wm. Ellyson, Cor. Sec'y State Mission Board, Richmond; C. T. Taylor, W. N. Britton, D. D. Cale, J. F. Maiden, W. H. Rouse, R. D. Quisenberry, of the Lebanon Association; H. M. Fugate, of Richmond College.

9. The Association moved to the election of officers for the ensuing year, Wm. Ellyson and C. T. Taylor acting as tellers, which resulted in the election of M. B. Young, Moderator; J. F. Fletcher, Clerk and Treasurer.

10. On motion of Cabell Fulton the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOVED, That we tender Bro. Brannock a vote of thanks for the very able and efficient manner in which he has presided over this body for two years past and who now refuses a re-election to the position of Moderator.

11. The Clerk read the Constitution and rules of Decorum.

12. The Moderator announced the follcwing Committees:

On arrangements—A. C. Hash, A. G. Hash, W. P. McGinnis.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of this church with Dennis Hash and R. F. Hale.

Digest of church letters—C. T. Taylor and J. E. Collins.

Digest of State Mission—J. H. LaRue.
" Home Missions—W. F. Brannock.
" Foreign Missions—J. W. Stamey.
" Periodicals—W. N. Britton.
" Orphanage—R. W. Young.
" Education—T. F. Edmondson.
" Minister'sRelief—G. W. Brewer.

13. Committee on Religious Exercises report:

(a). Preaching to-night by W. N. Britton.

(b). To-morrow, 11 A. M., T. R. Fulton.

14. Committee on arrangements report and report adopted as follows:

THIS EVENING.

(a). 4 to adjournment—Periodicals.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

(b). 9 to 9:30—Devotional Exercises.
(c). 9:30 to 10:30—State Missions.
(d). 10:30—Adjournment for preaching.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

(e). 1 to 2—Home Missions.
(f). 2 to 3—Foreign Missions.
(g). 3 to 4—Minister's Relief.
(h). 4—Adjourn.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

(i). 9 to 9:30—Devotional Exercises.
(j). 9:30 to 10:30—Education.
(k). 10:30—Adjourn for preaching.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

(l). 1 to 2—Orphanage.
(m). 2 to 3—State of the Churches.
(n). 3 to 3:15—Finance.
(o). 3 to adjournment—Miscellaneous.

15. A Resolution on Periodicals was read by W. N. Britton, and was discussed by W. N. Britton and Wm. Ellyson, and adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That this Association endorse the Religious Herald, Foreign Mission Journal and the Sunday School periodicals furnished through J. M. Pilcher and that the pastors and delegates insist upon the introduction of these into our homes and Sunday Schools.

W. N. BRITTON.

16. Adjourned—Prayer by W. F. Brannock.

17. Preaching at night by W. N. Britton. Text, Phil. 1c. 21v.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

18. Devotional exercises conducted by T. F. Edmondson.

19. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:30.

20. Letters from all the churches in the Association were read. T. R. Fulton and W. N. Britton assisting the Clerk.

21. Roll of delegates were called and the names of the delegates present were ascertained.

22. The Moderator announced the following committees:

(a). To Recommend Executive Committee—G. W. Brewer, J. C. Combs, T. F. Edmondson.

(b). On Finance—G. L. Blevins, Eph. Boyer, ———.

23. The following visiting brethren announced themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator:

Rev. Mac. Killinger, of San-Antonia Association, Texas.

Rev. A. Davis, of Yadkin Association, N. C.

24. The application of Grosses Creek Church for membership in this Association was taken up and discussed by A. S. Murray, W. H. Blevins and others and disposed of before stated.

25. Adjourned to hear a sermon by T. R. Fulton. Text, 1 Cor., 15c., 55v.

26. Benediction, by J. F. Maiden.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

27. The Moderator called the Association to order at 2 P. M.

28. The report on State Missions and report of Executive Committee were made an especial order for tomorrow, (Saturday) 10 A. M.

28. W. F. Brannock, read:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is the servant of Southern Baptists. The Board is appointed by the delegates from the churches and Associations, assembled in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. Rev. Henry McDonald is President and Rev. I. T. Tichenor is Corresponding Secretary. Last year the Board employed 411 missionaries to labor on weak or destitute fields, in 14 States—District of Columbia and 2 Territories and our near neighbor, Cuba. This includes the section of our country embraced in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana and Oklahoma Teritories and States South of these, except South Carolina.

These 411 Missionaries delivered 58,041 sermons and addresses; conducted 9,622 prayer meetings; made 61,498 religious visits, and baptized 5,617 persons.

This Association contributed to this work last year $25.07. This year report $15.87. Showing a falling off of $9.20, or more than one-third of our contribution of last year. May the Lord by the light of his Holy Spirit help the churches to see their duty in this matter of

carrying the Gospel to the poor people in our South land, especially the Indians, negroes and foreigners.

Respectfully,

W. F. BRANNOCK.

29. J. W. Burchett U. S. Myers and — — Johnson, of the Elkin Association, N. C., reported themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator to seats in the body.

30. Wm. Ellyson, read.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Richmond, Va. The Missionaries of the Board are laboring in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. In these countries we now have 38 male and 48 female missionaries and 34 ordained native Missionaries, and they have established 128 churches and 38 out stations. These churches have a membership of 4,295 and 1,713 Sunday School scholars. During the last year our Missionaries on these fields have baptized 735 believers; the largest number ever reported in any one year by the Missionaries of our Board. In many of our fields the hearts of the people seem especially open to the gospel message. How has our brethren responded to this signal manifestation of divine favor on our laborers in the foreign lands of the earth? Alas! we are pained to report that a decreased income shows that our hearts have not responded with thankfulness to these evidences of God's goodness and grace. Last year only $102,055.15 was secured from the 1,468,991 white Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention, while the expenses of the Board in supporting its Missionaries was $105,118,90, thus making an additional indebtedness of $3,062.75. The Board faced with these facts, asked the Convention if they should recall any of our Missionaries, but the brethren would not so instruct their Board, but instructed them to move forward. What say the brethren of the New River Association?

WM. ELLYSON.

The report was discussed by C. T. Taylor, Wm. Ellyson, J. W. Stamey, H. M. Fugate and adopted.

31. Committee on Digest of Church letters report and report adopted as follows:

MEMBERSHIP.

Rec'd by baptism	142	Dismissed by letter	68
Rec'd by letter	36	Dismissed by death	16
Rec'd by Restoration and application	15	Dismissed by exclusion	44
		Total	128
Total	193	Net gain	55
Present membership			1,223

FINANCES.

9 churches gave to State Missions	$36.06
7 churches gave to Home Missions	15.87
6 churches gave to Foreign Missions	32.44
4 churches gave to Education	2.62
4 churches gave to Minister's Relief	5.00
9 churches gave to S. S. and B. Board	10.96
10 churches gave to Orphanage	37.96
Total	$140.91
21 churches paid pastors	$366.42
22 churches paid for minutes	21.10
Total	$387.52
White Top S. S. to Amer. Bap. Pub. So	1.00
Grand Total	$429.41

Your Committee beg leave to call attention to the fact that of the $366.42 paid pastors, 4 of Bro. Fletcher's churches paid $214.75, leaving $151.67 for all the other 19.

Respectfully submitted,
C. T. TAYLOR,
J. E. COLLINS.

32. Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next Association report Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Sept., 1897, as the time and State Line Church as the place, W. F. Brannock to preach the introductory sermon, T. F. Edmondson, Alternate.

J. A. SCHUYLER,
J. L. GILBERT,
WM. STAMPER,
ALEX. GRUBB, } Com

33. Adjourned, prayer by J. W. Hundly.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

34. Moderator called the Association to order at 8 P. M.

35. R. W. Young, read:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We have at Salem, Va., a Baptist Home for Orphans. This institution was founded and is maintained by the voluntary contribution of churches, Sunday Schools, Missionary Societies and individuals. The grounds, buildings and furnishings of this institution, at this time, are estimated at $30,000. They are just now entering upon the fifth year of their work. During the past four years the Orphanage has cared for 83 children, of these, one has died, fifteen have been placed in good homes or returned to their friends, leaving sixty seven in the institution to be fed, clothed and educated by the contributions of the people. The current expenses of this home is about $16 per day or $6,000 per year. Of this amount, in the year 1895, the churches in this Association contributed $8.38, about enough to run the Orphanage 12 hours. This ought not so to be. Brethren, this is an opportunity for us to "Visit the Orphans in their Affliction." "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. YOUNG.

36. On motion of J. F. Fletcher, Rev. D. P. Hurley and Prof. Brown were invited to seats in the body.

37. Pending the adoption of the report on Orphanage the following pledges were taken from the churches and individuals:

Baptist Union.....One box.
Blue Ridge Chapel .....One box.
Fellowship.....One box.
Grubb's Chapel, T. W. Bishop.....One dollar.
Galena, L. D, Vaughan.....One dollar, paid.
Independence.....One box.

Brush Creek.....One dollar.
Snow Hill.....Something.
White Top.....Four dollars.

38. Adjourned, prayer by Wm. Ellyson,

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

39. The Association met at 9 A. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by W. N. Britton.

40. At 9:30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

41. Committee to recommend an Executive Committee report and report adopted as follows:

We, your committee to recommend an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, do hereby recommend the appointment of M. B. Young, G. L. Blevins, J. W. Stamey to that position.

T. F. EDMONDSON,
G. W. BREWER,
J. C. COMBS. } Com.

42. G. W. Brewer, read:

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF FUND,

This fund is provided for broken down ministers of the gospel and families of deceased ministers who are in want. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we work more earnestly and persistently for this object in the future.

G. W. BREWER, Com.

Report discussed by W. N. Britton and J. W. Stamey and adopted,

43. J. H. LaRue, read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The object of the State Mission Board of Virginia is to unite the Baptist Brotherhood in this work of State evangelization and to furnish a preached gospel to destitute sections, and to develop the churches along the lines of missionary activity.

The report of the State Mission Board for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1895, informs us that it had under its

appointment 71 Missionaries, who labored in every Association in the State except one. Nineteen of them in South West Virginia. All of them report 6,839 sermons preached, 2008 conversions witnessed and 1,245 baptized with the fellowship of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. LaRue.

J. H. LaRue, also read:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Soon after our last Association we recommended the reappointment of Rev. J. F. Fletcher as Missionary for Independence and other points, which recommendation was favorably received by the Board, and Bro. Fletcher was reappointed. Last spring we asked the Board to employ Rev. W. F. Brannock as Missionary at Hebron and Hampton's X Roads, which request the Board granted. Now, as Bro. Brannock is Chairman of the Executive Committee, it is only justice to him to say that he was not a party to his recommendation, and in fact, knew nothing of it until he had been recommended by the other members of the Committe. We note with pleasure that at Hebron Bro. Brannock has already completed a house of worship and the outlook at Hampton's X Roads is very promising. Bro Fletcher has been far more successful than during former years, as his sub-joined report will show.

Sermons preached	203
Families visited	208
Conversions witnessed	68
Baptized	38
Miles traveled	1,500

The evidences of Bro. Fletcher's work is around you. We see it in the erection of this church. He spared nothing which he could give, for its erection were to the impoverishing of himself. We earnestly recommend the reappointment of Bro. Fletcher and Brannock on the same fields.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. LaRue, Sec'y Ex. Com.

These reports were discussed by Wm. Ellyson, D. D. Cale and J. R. Dickey, of Lebanon Association, who, during the discussion were recognized by the Moderator

and welcomed to a seat in the body and adopted.

44. The Moderator announced standing committees as follows:

On arrangements for next Association,

G. W. BREWER,
R. W. YOUNG, } Com.
J. H. LARUE,

State Missions—T. R. Fulton.
Home Missions—W. P. McGinnis.
Foreign Missions—A. C. Hash.
Orphanage—L D. Vaughan.
Minister's Relief—J. W. Stamey.
Education—A. G. Hash.
S. S. and B. B.—A. S. Murray.
Temperance—J. C. Taylor.
Periodicals—Dennis Hash.

45. Adjourned for two hours during a part of which time J. W. Hundly preached. Text, Rom., 8c., 6v. "For to be carnally minded is death."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

46. The Moderator called the Association to order at 2 P. M.

47. Bro. Cheek, of the Ashe and Alleghany Association was then recognized by the Moderator and welcomed to a seat in the body.

48. Bro. Ellyson made an explanation of the work of the Central Committee of W. M. Society of Va., and advised the organization of reading clubs among the ladies in the different churches. Any one desiring information about this matter will correspond with Miss Sallie J. LaRue, Bridle Creek, Va.

49. W. N. Britton, read.

REPORT ON S. S. AND B. BOARD.

Which fully endorsed the Board and committed this Association to its support, but report has been lost or was not handed to Clerk. The report was discussed by J. W. Hundly, J. F. Maiden and W. N. Britton and adopted

50. W. F. Brannock offered the following resolution of thanks which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the delegates of the New River Association, tender our thanks and hearty appreciation to the people of Independence and vicinity for their very kind and hospitable treatment which we have received at their hands during this Association.

W. F. BRANNOCK.

51. On motion of W. F. Brannock, the Clerk was allowed $6.00 for his services.

52. T. F. Edmondson, read:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee, charged with the duty of a report on Education, has not had at his command any statistics upon which to base a report, such as you aught to have upon this subject. We would say, however, there appears to be a growing interest in the subject of education upon the part of our people in the New River Association, but this awakening is not general. There has never been a greater demand for educated preachers and laymen than to-day. On the subject of ministerial education that we believe its importance and necessity were never more generally conceeded than at present, but as to now the scores of poor young men whom God is calling and the churches recommending for the ministry are to be educated, our people are not fully interested, and your committee believes that a lack of interest, is due in part. to a lack of information. In this grand and glorious work of fitting young men for their life work to which God has called them Richmond College is doing a noble work by giving free tuition to young men studying for the ministry and who come recommend by their churches. While we would say nothing to the detriment of any Board of our Association, yet in our judgment, the Education Board is doing a work more far-reaching in its results than any other agency for good in our State, for it sharpens the tools of the workmen along all other lines.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. EDMONDSON.

Report discussed by J. W. Burchett, H. M. Fugate, A. G. Hash and others and adopted.

53. Adjourned with prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

54. Association met at 8 P. M., and was called to order by the Moderator.

55. Committee on Finance called on for report. A partial report was made by one of the Committee, verbally, as the report was not in and is not in yet.

56. The Associatton appointed Rev. L. D. Vaughan as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Wilmington, N. C., on May 7th, 1897.

57. The Association as delegates to the General Association of Virginia; J. F. Fletcher, L. D. Vaughan, A. J. Blevins, W. F. Brannock. Alternates: M. B. Young and Alex. Grubb.

58. On motion of J. F. Fletcher, adjourned to the time and place above mentioned. Prayer by L. D. Vaughan.

59. The Association Sang, "God be with you 'till we meet again," and took the parting hand,

M. B. YOUNG, Moderator.
J. F. FLETCHER, Clerk and Treas.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Met in the Baptist Church in a Sunday School Mass-Metting at 9:30. At 11 A. M. J. W, Buchett occupied the pulplt of the Baptist Church; J. W. Hundly the Methodist Church; H. M. Fugate the Academy, to the joy and satisfaction of all who heard them.

CLERK.

☞ Don't fail to send all contributions to the Boards to Norvell Ryland, Treasurer, Richmond, Va.

CLERK.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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	Pastors Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Home Misson.	Education.	Minister's Relief.	S. S. and B. Board.	Orphanage.	Total	Total last year.
Baptist Union	$30 00	$ 50	$2 95	$5 12	$1,75	$ 75	$2 25	$	$2.57	$50.89	$41.65
Blue Ridge Chap.	5 00	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00		7 25	6.25
Brush Creek	19 20	1.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			21.05	
Corinth	18.25	1.00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....		6 93	25.68	42 47
Fellowship	28 00	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			28.70	9.03
Friendship	12.20	80	55	.....	17	.....	.....			13.67	1.00
Flat Ridge	9 46	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	06		9 62	17.00
Grubb's Chapel	27.08	1.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			28.68	21.25
Galena	5.80	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			6.50	75
Haw Orchard	8.87	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50		10.37	13 00
Grosses Creek	21 50	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			22.50	
Hebron	50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		2.50	4.00	7.60
Independence	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			60	50
Laurel	13 65	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.09	1.00	17,65	22.40
Liberty Hill	62.75	1 50	9.26	4.50	5.00	.....	.....		11.06	94.07	99 72
Mount Carmel	10 00	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80		11.45	6.85
Mountain View	10 30	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			11.05	6.50
Pine Branch	35 00	1 30	2 00	7 05	1.00	12	50	30	6.50	53.20	22.50
Pleasant Grove	16 00	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			16 50	16.75
Snow Hill	23 00	1.00	8.75	1 95	2 00	50	1.00	50	2.60	40.30	1.13
State Line	20 30	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.00	24.30	23 40
White Top	24 00	2 00	1 55	3 82	1.55	1.25	1.25	3.80	1.80	41.02	27.75
Wingate's Chapel	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			20	40
Young's Chapel	81.00	1.25	10.00	10.00	4 40	.....	.....		2 00	108,65	121.77
GRAND TOTAL	487.86	22.75	36.06	32 01	15.87	2 62	5.00	10.96	37.96	647.90	504.87

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Letter and Application.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Deaths	Exclusion.	Males.	Females.	Present Number.	Sundays of Preaching.
Baptist Union....	10		2	2	1	13	31	60	91	1st
Blue Ridge Chap.							10	10	20	4th
Brush Creek.....		2		1			37	56	93	3rd
Corinth.....	3	1		14	1	1	33	55	88	2nd
Fellowship.....	1			3		1	14	30	44	1st
Friendship.....		4		1	1	3	10	30	40	
Flat Ridge.....					1				26	4th
Grubb's Chapel..	31	3	1		1		36	52	88	4th
Grosses Creek...	5	14	3				7	15	22	4th
Galena.....	4				5	2	15	31	46	1st
Haw Orchard....	3	1	2	2		1	20	23	43	3rd
Hebron.....	6					2	6	16	22	2nd
Independence....	2				2	5	5	5	10	4th
Laurel.....	10	6		6			24	26	55	3rd
Liberty Hill.....	7	2			1		30	55	85	3rd
Mt Carmel.....	7	4		8		2	6	20	26	2nd
Mountain View..	11						11	17	28	4th
Pine Branch.....	7	5		1			24	50	74	1st
Pleasant Grove..	5	2		4		1	16	26	42	
Snow Hill.....	2					3	23	45	68	3rd
State Line.....	6	1	5			5	17	32	49	1st
White Top.....	11	8		24	3	4	45	54	99	1st
Wingate's Chapel	3			1		1	6	13	19	3rd
Young's Chapel..	13			1			26	46	72	2nd
Total.....	147	53	12	68	16	44	442	767	1251	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	No. S. S.	NAME OF SUP'T.	NO. OF TEACHERS	NO. OF SCHOLARS	P. O. OF SUP'T.
Corinth	1	J. F. Plummer	6	60	Rugby. Va.
Fellowship	2	Wm. Stamper	6	50	Lundy, Va.
"		J. E. Collins	9	85	Comer's Rock, Va.
Friendship	1	J. T. Anderson	Not reported	65	Trout Dale, Va.
Flat Ridge	1	J. F. Haga	Not given	81	Flat Ridge, Va.
Grubb's Chapel	1	T. W. Bishop	8	45	Major, Va.
Laurel	1	Not reported	Not given	53	Azen, Va.
Liberty Hill	1	R. W. Young	4	20	Grant, Va.
Mt. Carmel	1	L. W. Anders	Not reported	Not reported	Independence, Va.
Pine Branch	1	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
State Line	1	J. L. Gilbert	6	54	Matney. Tenn.
Snow Hill	1	John Williams	Not reported	68	Higgins, Va.
White Top	1	J. B. Edmondson	9	60	Green Cove, Va.
Young's Chapel	1	I. N. Young	5	50	Edgewater, Va.
Union	1	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Total	15		53	496	

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be known as the New River Baptist Association. It shall be composed of delegates from this union as follows: Each church may send all its ordained ministers and four additional delegates, all of whom shall be white persons.

II. This Association shall have no control over the churches than the right to enquire into their conditions, to advise them and to withdraw its fellowship from such as may be corrupt in doctrine or practice. Its object shall be to promote among them fraternal union and sympathy and mutual co-operation in Christian effort.

III. Each church will be expected to contribute to an Associational fund for defraying the expense of the body. The Association will also receive and disburse, according to the direction of the donors, funds for any religious enterprise approved by it.

IV. Each church will be expected to send to every session of the Association a letter stating the name of its pastor and the names of other ordained or licensed ministers in connection with it; of its delegates of the church, discriminating between white and colored members, male and female, white members, of Sunday Schools, of contributions for the Association fund, and other benevolent objects, its time of regular meeting, together with such other information as it may deem valuable.

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VI. If the Moderator be absent at the beginning of a session any delegate may be called to the chair PRO TEMPORE.

VII. The initial proceeding after divine worship, shall be calling the Association to order, electing officers, and appointing a Committee on Arrangements.

VIII. The Committee of Arrangements shall prepare business for the Association and all business shall be attended to in the order in which they arrange it, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the body.

IX. Any regular Baptist church may be admitted to membership in this Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the time of application, and any church in convention shall be entitled to a letter of dismission unless there be charges against it of corruption in doctrine or practice; and if any church belonging to this body shall fail to represent for two successive sessions, the Association may appoint a committee to enquire into the cause of such failure.

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X. This Association shall convene at least once a year at such a time and place as it may appoint.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

D. J. McCarroll	Grant,	Va
A. W. Ross	Flat Ridge,	Va
Wm. Stamper	Comers Rock,	Va

NAMES OF ORDAINED PREACHERS IN ASSOCIATION AS REPORTED IN LETTERS TO ASSOCIATION 1909.

Arnold, J. M.	Laurel Bloomery,	Tenn
Brown, J. R.	Saltville,	Va
Bishop, J. L.	Seven Mile Ford,	Va
Brannock, W. F.	Pipers Gap,	Va
Blevins, N. M.	Cole,	Va
Fletcher, J. F.	Grant,	Va
Hart, A. J	Green Cove,	Va
Johnson, R. K.	Galax,	Va
Lankford, W. E.	Galax,	Va
Murry, J. S.	Grant,	Va
Murry, A, S.	Troutdale,	Va
Pennington, G. M.	Troutdale,	Va
Powers, J. H.	Galax,	Va
Reece, J. F.	Alvarado.	Va
Reedy, E. W.	Volney,	Va
Sturgill, M.	Azen,	Va
Stamper, A. J.	Comer's Rock,	Va
Walls, J. M.	Troutdale,	Va

LICENTIATES.

Blevins, Calvin	White Top,	Va
Greer, W. B.	Grant,	Va
Haga, G. W.	Major,	Va
Thomas, E. M.	Major,	Va
Warren, T. R.	Grant,	Va
Watson, E. H.	Troutdale,	Va

Proceedings.

Grant, Va.
Aug. 31, 1909.

1. The New River Baptist Association met this day at 11 A. M., in its 39th annual session, with Liberty Hill church.

2. After 30 minutes spent in devotional exercises, conducted by J. H. Powers; owing to the absence of the appointee, W. F. Brannock, the Introductory sermon was preached by J. H. Powers, text, Luke 10:21 "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit, etc." A. A. Blevins and A. G. Hash taking part in the exercises.

3. The Moderator called the Association to order, after the choir had sang No. 366, Gospel Hymns "Jesus Savior Pilot Me," and announced the following committee on Order of Business:

J. H. LaRue,
J. E. Collins,
Dennis Hash.

4. The Association adjourned for one hour after singing the Doxology, during which time refreshments were served in the grove to delegates and visitors.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. The Moderator called the Association to order at 1 P. M. Choir sang, "Take Time to be Holy," W. E. Lankford led the Association in prayer.

6. J. H. LaRue presented partial report on Order of Business, which was adopted as follows:

(a.) 1 to 2 P. M.—Reading letters and electing officers.
(b.) 2 to 3 P. M.—Orphanage.
(c.) 3 to 4 P.M.—Miscellaneous.

7. Letters from sixteen churches were handed in and read by D. J. McCarroll and E. W. Reedy and the following list of Delegates was made.

Baptist Union.—A. W. Ross, L. S. Anderson, S. W. James, J. F. Russell.

Brush Creek.—Isaac Boyer.

Comer's Creek.—J. C. Brooks, Rufus Brooks, W. M. Clary, S. M. Pennington.

Fellowship.—Wm. Stamper, A. J. Stamper, J. E. Collins, D. P. H. Stamper.

Friendship.—J. H. Dunavant, J. T. Anderson, W. M. Burton, T. H. Carter.

Fries.—M P. Welsh, Harrison Bennett.

Galax.—Represented by J. H. Powers—no letter.
Gold Hill.—R. L. Hash, Roby Young, Lee Hash, G. W. Hagaman.
Grubb's Chapel.—J. H. LaRue, J. A. Haga, J. F. Young, J. F. Goss.
Laurel.—M. Sturgill, D. E. Pennington, T. L. Haga, Hiram Pennington.
Liberty Hill.—J. F. Fletcher, J. W. Barker, D. J. McCarroll, F. A. McCarroll, W. B. Greer.
Midway.—A. L. Farmer, F. C. Turner.
Pine Branch.—J. M. Parks, A. J. Forester, John Tucker, Dennis Hash.
Pleasant Grove. — — — Wingate.
Rock Bridge.—E. F. Ross, J. H. Bonham, J. S. Murry, W. G. Bonham, W. O. Bonham.
Snow Hill.—Lee Brannock, Luther Bedsaul.
State Line.—J. H. Gentry, I. D. Gentry, Alex. Gentry.
White Top.—Floyd Stamper, W. V. Walker, J. W. Roberts.
Young's Chapel.—I. N. Young, David Byrd, Carl S. Youg, C. H. Bennett.

(Clerk failed, during the Association, to call and correct roll of delegates, hence, list was made up from the letters and several names appear above, who were not present.—Clerk.)

8. The Moderator gave an opportunity to new churches to present themselves, when a letter was presented by two delegates, from Midway church at Chestnut Yards, Va., and were received.

Brethren Boyer and Wingate representing Brush Creek and Pleasant Grove churches asked admission into the Association and on motion of J. H. Powers were received under the watch care of the Association, with the understanding that if letters from aforesaid churches are in the hands of the Clerk within two weeks, that their names and statistics be incorporated in our minutes.

8½. J. F. Fletcher offered the following Preamble and Resolution, which after remarks by J. F. Fletcher, Dennis Hash, J. H. Powers, C. W. Trainham and I. N. Young was adopted:

The Association hears with regret and sorrow that one of our churches, to wit, Pine Branch, has received an excluded member from a sister church without a letter; therefore we wish to put it on record as the sense of this Association that our sister church, Pine Branch, made a mistake which is detrimental to the best interest of our Association and to the fellowship and good will of our churches. Therefore we advise Pine Branch church to recind the act of receiving said

member before our next Association, and all will be well.

9. On motion of J. H. Powers, our present Moderator, J. W. Barker, was re-elected by acclamation. On motion of E. F. Ross, J F. Fletcher was also re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

10. The Clerk stated to the Association that there appeared a number of mistakes in the minutes of the last session of our Association, and asked that a committee be appointed to audit his account, as Treasurer and report during the sitting of this body, which committtee, the Moderator appointed as follows:

I. N. Young,
R. M. Young, } Committee
J. H. Dunavant,

(See their report elsewhere.)

11. The Moderator announced Committee on Religious Exercises as follows:

The pastor with the delegates of this church.

12. Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body when the following ministers responded and accepted seats in the body, and added greatly to the interest of the occasion, to wit:

C. T. Taylor, Bristol, Va.
C. W. Trainham, Marion, Va.
Prof. S. W. Edmondson, of Virginia Institute, Bristol, Va.
A. G. Hash, Bethel Association, Ga.
W. E. Lankford, Portsmouth Association.

Herchell Gore, a young man who was sent to the Orphanage from this county several years ago, appeared before the body, and in a short, but extremely interesting talk, told of what the Orphanage had done for him.

13. Report on Orphanage was presented by D. Hash and on motion was made a special order for tomorrow 10 A. M.

14. I. F. Dolinger, of the Lebanon was welcomed to a seat in the body.

15. Committee on Religious Exercises report preaching at church tonight 8 P. M., by W. E. Lankford.

16. On motion, adjourned.
Prayer by C. T. Taylor.

TUESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

17. The Association, with a large number of others reassembled in the church at 8 P. M., and after singing, "There Shall be Showers of Blessings," and after reading a part, the latter part, of the 9th chapter of the Gospel by Luke, by W. E. Lankford, C. W. Trainham led in prayer. W. E. Lankford

preached a very interesting and edifying sermon. Text, Luke, 9:62. Theme, "What it is to follow Christ." Prayer by C. T. Taylor.

18. The Moderator appointed A. A. Blevins to conduct prayer and song service in the morning from 9 to 9:30.

Benediction by J. H. Powers.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

19. The Association met at 9 A. M., and opened the prayer and song service by singing "I am Nearing that Bright Home," and until 9:30 the service continued, being conducted by A. A. Blevins, assisted by Lester Ross and A. S. Murray.

20. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:30 and Clerk read and corrected minutes of yesterday, which were adapted.

21. The Committee on Order of Business, report and report was adopted as follows:

9 to 9:30—Devotional Exercises.
9:30 to 10:15—Orphanage.
10:15 to 11:30—Education.
11:30 to 1 P. M.—Sermon and intermission.
1 P. M., to 2:30—State Missions, report of Ex. Committee.
2:30 to 3:30—Home Missions.
3:30—to adjournment. Miscellaneous.

22. The hour having arrived for special order, to wit:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We desire to call attention to the urgent need of funds for our Baptist Orphanage at Salem, Va.

Some sixteen years ago this benevolent enterprise originated in the hearts of Virginia Baptists, and was brought into active existence during the following year on the small scale of two children as beneficiaries.

It has steadily grown in numbers, and necessary buildings have been added from year to year, as fund in hands would justify, and at this present time 169 children are enrolled as inmates.

Thus this Christ-given sentiment in behalf of this institution, has pervaded the hearts of the Baptists of Virginia, that the once ample buildings are crowded to accommodate elligible applicants and still many are denied admission.

Resolved, that we, as an Association declare our sympathy for the work conducted by the Baptist Orphanage at Salem, Va., and pledge our support during the coming year in such things as we may be able, whether in money or material for feeding and clothing the children.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Hash.

The above report was discussed by C. T. Taylor and others and adopted.

23. Fending the adoption of the above report on Orphanage the following named delegates agreed to try to induce their Sunday Schools to take one collection each month for the Orphanage:

Baptist Union church,	S. W. James,	Flatridge,	Va
Fellowship church,	Wm. Stamper,	Comer's Rock,	Va
Friendship church,	E. W. Reedy,	Volney,	Va
Flat Ridge church,	Luster Ross,	Flat Ridge,	Va
Fries and Galax churches,	W. E. Lankford	Galax,	Va
Gold Hill church,	R. M. Young,	Fox,	Va
Grubb's Chapel church,	J. A. Haga,	Fox,	Va
Laurel church,	Hiram Pennington,	Konnarock,	Va
Liberty Hill church,	D. J. McCarroll,	Grant,	Va
Pine Branch church,	A. J. Forrester,	Major,	Va
Rock Bridge church,	E. F. Ross,	Grant,	Va
Snow Hill church,	Lee Brannock,	Piper's Gap,	Va
State Line "	Alex Gentry,	Laurel Bloomery,	Tenn
White Top church,	J. W. Roberts,	Park,	Va
Young's Chapel ch,	I. N. Young,	Mouth of Wilson,	Va

(At this time 23 subscriptions were secured for the Orphanage News—a paper published by the Orphanage at 25c per annum.)

24. Committee on Religious Exercises submit the following report which was adopted as follows:

Wednesday, 11:30 A. M. Sermon by C. T. Taylor.
8 P. M. Sermon by C. W. Trainham.
Thursday 11 A. M. Sermon by A. G. Hash.

The Moderator then announced Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next Association as follows:

J. F. Russell,
D. J. McCarroll,
Carl S. Young. } Committee.

25. C. W. Trainham, presented

RESOLUTION ON MINISTERS RELIEF FUND.

Resolved, that we, the churches of the New River Association in annual session, assembled, expressing our confidence in the Minister's Relief Fund and our interest in its noble work, pledge ourselves to its continued support.

The above Resolution, after being discussed by C. W. Trainham, W. B. Greer and W. E. Lankford was adopted.

26. On motion, R. W. Campbell, an aged, Godly and much beloved Presbyterian brother, was invited to a seat in the body.

27. J. H. LaRue read

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are pleased to report the fact that the people are awake to the necessity and importance of an education. Great sums of money are being spent for the improvement of our schools, from the Grammar Schools to the Universities. Our Denominational Schools receive much financial support. Note the great effort made by the education commission of the Baptist General Association to raise money to build a Central Woman's College.

These enlarged efforts are reaching many of the young men and women of our land, and many people are striving to prepare their sons and daughters to meet the struggle. It must be clear to all, as education advances, the people demand an educated ministry to lead them. Students hardly ever exceed their teacher, or the church, their pastor; so the claims of the people are right. We should be led to higher planes of religious culture and right living.

It is worthy of note, that many of the young men, who recognize God's call to the Ministry, are unable to meet the expenses of an education. So the money paid to the Board of Education is used in helping to pay their expenses at Richmond College and the Theological Seminary. The money we pay this Board is likely to return to us in the increased ability of these young men to preach God's word.

Discussed by Prof. S W. Edmondson of Virginia Institute, Bristol, Va., in a splendid speech, while saying nothing against the "Higher" school, he emphacised the importance of the "Lower" school—showing that the Home, the School, the World, were necessary to the full development of the Head, Heart and Hand—in short the whole man.

Report adopted.

28. The Moderator named the following Committee on Finance, to wit:

A. W. Ross,
R. M. Young, } Committee.
Alex Gentry.

29. The hour having arrived for the sermon the congregation stood and sang: "My Faith Looks up to Thee."

After a portion of the 8th chapter of Romans had been read, J. F. Fletcher led in prayer and C. T. Taylor preached one of the deepest, richest and most spiritual sermons, that it has ever been our pleasure to hear from Rom. 8:9—"If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

Prayer was offered by W. E. Lankford and congregation sang: "Blessed Assurance," then took a recess for one hour during which time refreshments were served.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

30. The Association was called to order at 1:30 when W. C. Fields, of the Alleghany and Grayson Association, was recognized by the Moderator and welcomed to a seat in the body.

31. J. F. Fletcher read

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

The definite object of the General Association of Virginia is the evangelization of the State of Virginia,

Our State Mission Board is one of its most potent agencies, through which it does its work, as we see in the following facts furnished us by our Corresponding Secretary.

Our State Missionaries reported last year 4,910 conversions and 3,123 baptisms. They organized 22 churches and 72 Sunday Schools—completed 11 houses of worship and are building 28 others.

In Buchanan county, 2 or three years ago, we had two churches with an active membership of 13 members; now we have 9 churches with a membership of about 400.

In Wythe county, 2 years ago we had 2 churches, now we have 9.

In Dickenson and Bland counties, 2 years ago, we had one church in each; now we have 3 in Dickenson and 4 in Bland. In the county seats of Craig, Washington and Montgomery, we are building nice attractive houses of worship.

Last year the expenses of the Board exceeded its income by $846. We should realize that this is our work, and we should see that our State Mission Board is not hindered by lack of funds with which to properly prosecute the work that we have authorized it to do.

PART SECOND.

With the assumption by the State Mission Board, of the responsible task of developing our Sunday School work, the Baptists of Virginia have entered upon a new era in this department of our denominational life, which is fraught with such large possibilities.

In the judgment of the Board, what is needed for the next few years, is to impress upon all of our Sunday Schools now in existence, the true purpose of the institution, and to suggest methods by which they can be developed along the lines which will make them more effective and bring the churches into closer relationship with the Sunday Schools.

In order to accomplish this task, the Board elected Rev. Joseph T. Watts as Sunday School Secretary, but he was not able to assume the responsibilities of the position until the

first of April. Since that time he has been very diligent in pressing the work of the new department, having visited many churches, in various sections of the State, holding rallies, Institutes and Conventions, in which meetings, inspirational sermons and addresses were delivered before the general congregations, and lectures were made for the special benefit of pastors, officers and teachers, for the purpose of informing them concerning proper organization, management, equipment and teaching in the Sunday School. Brother Watts has been greatly encouraged by the way people have attended these special meetings and the wholesome sentiment that exists everywhere he has been for the application of modern Sunday School principles and methods.

One of the most hopeful signs in connection with our Sunday School work, is the enlistment of so many of the adult members of the church, in the various Sunday Schools. In some places the attendance has been doubled by the attendance in the teaching service in the church of so many men and women.

We have now in Virginia a total of 940 Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 91,186 scholars and 966 officers and teachers, making a grand total of 100,846. The problem before us is to so develop these schools, as to make them effective in evangelism and culture, thus making them a power in the local church, the community and the world. To this end every effort will be made to train leaders and teachers, and to arouse the churches to a fuller sense of their obligation, privilege and opportunity in this great department of christian endeavor. We have now under appointment at this time ten colporters.

We had under appointment this year 131 missionaries, 5 evangelists and a Field Secretary. The largest force in the history of the Board.

Discussed by W. B. Greer, C. W. Trainham, W. C. Fields and adopted.

32. J. F. Fletcher offered the following Preamble and resolution which was adopted as follows:

Whereas the work formerly conducted by the Sunday School and Bible Board has been committed to the State Mission Board, and whereas, the State Board is in need of special funds for this work, therefore be it.

Resolved 1. That the Clerk be instructed to substitute Sunday School and Colportage work, for Sunday School and Bible Board, in the financial table of the church letter.

2. That the churches and Sunday Schools be urged to contribute regularly and liberally to this object in addition to the regular offering for State Missions.

In connection with the above reports, our Executive Committee submitted the following report:

We, your Executive Committee report that we have recommended to the State, for Colporter, J. W. Barker; also have recommended to the State Mission Board and asked the Board to supplement his salary $100. This is all that has been referred to us. Respectfully,

D. J. McCarroll,
A. W. Ross.

33. W. B. Greear read

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The results that have attended the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during the past year are both a notable advance on the former records of this Board, and of similar records of the Domestic Mission reports of other denominations.

Between 1904 and 1909, the amount raised for Home Mission work has more than doubled. It has increased from $127,850 to $283,436.

The results have made an even more pronounced advance. Between 1904 and 1909 baptisms have increased more than three fold. In 1904 there were 7,526 baptisms. In 1909 there were 25,109.

A corresponding increase has transpired in other phases of the work. For instance, the total additions to Mission churches in 1904 were 16,797, while for the present year there were 47,808 additions.

During the same time the number of churches organized has increased from 157 to 338. The work of the Home Board is varied. In Cuba we have twenty missionaries and School workers, successfully carrying the gospel to the Cubans. In the Canal Zone we have 6 missionaries and educational workers successfully prosecuting the first mission work that was ever established there after America took hold.

Among other races than our own, in the United States 15 or 20 missionaries are preaching the gospel to the Indians. Seven of these are working among the Osage and Pawnee Indians and are paid entirely by our Home Board. The others are doing co-operative work among other tribes.

Between fifteen and twenty missionaries are working in Texas among 400,000 Mexicans under the direction of Supt. C. T. Daniel of the Home Board.

Among the negroes the Home Board is doing a successful work through its more than thirty evangelists. The work is in co-operation with the Negro National Baptist Convention.

More than three thousand baptisms were reported last year from this work, and its success was even more pronounced in bringing about the spirit of harmony and fellowship between us and our negro brethren.

Among the immigrants and foreigners, the Board is increasing its staff of workers each year. Besides those mentioned above, about a score of missionaries will be this year engaged largely in the ports of large cities in leading foreigners to accept that faith in Christ, which has been the foundation of America's greatness.

The Board has more than twenty women missionaries and workers engaged in the service in the South; they are largely working in the cities. These Christian women have proven themselves a great power, especially among the women and children to whom they minister.

In the 24 mission schools that the Home Board is maintaining in the mountains of the South, there are 121 teachers and 43,000 students. The work is under the superintendency of Dr. A. E. Brown and is wonderfully successful.

Besides the large success which has attended the work of the evangelists of the Board, mention is to be made of the fact, that much of the Home Board work is in co-operation with the various State Boards. This is particularly true in the Southwest where the influx of immigrants has been far beyond the ability of the local agencies of evangelization, adequately, to deal with.

The Board has done a most successful work in helping needy churches to erect houses of worship and wishes to impress upon the brotherhood the importance of raising a large permanent fund for their work.

We suggest that our pastors and workers write the Home Board, freely, for literature on Home Missions, and that they secure the valuable mission books, and inform themselves about the great work, which our Home Mission Board is doing.

The New River Association contributed in 1908 $2.42 more than they did in 1894 to this Board. In 1904 we gave $2.28 more than we did last year.

Brethren, shall we be satisfied to remain practically at a standstill for 14 years? In 1908 we contributed to Foreign Missions $119.09, more than we did in 1894. Let our gifts increase to every department of the Lord's work as he has prospered us.

The above report was discussed by A. G. Hash; formerly a Grayson county boy; but now pastor of Fort Gaines Baptist church, Ga., in such an able, thorough and convincing manner that nothing more remained to be said, when he had finished and report was immediately adopted.

34. On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to prepare and have printed 500 copies of a suitable, up-to-date form of letter for churches to use in transmiting their annual report to the Association.

1. N. Young, J. F. Fletcher and E. F. Ross were appointed for that purpose.

35. The following committee were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee.

C. H. Bennett,
Floyd Stamper,
F. A. McCarroll,
J. C. Brooks. } Committee.

36. E. W. Reedy appointed to conduct devotional exercises in the morning from 9 A. M., to 9:30.

37. On motion of W. B. Greear adjourned.
Benediction by W. E. Lankford.

WEDNESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

38. The people came together at 8 P. M. After singing the "Eye of Faith" by the choir, J. F. Fletcher offered prayer.

39. C. W. Trainham preached, Subject: "The letter to the church at Laodicea." Rev. 3rd chapter. The sermon was a very touching, tender, earnest appeal to both saint and sinner to open their hearts for the reception of Christ.

Prayer by C. T. Taylor. Benediction by C. W. Trainham.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

40. The Association met as per adjournment and in the absence of the appointee, E. W. Reedy, Luster Ross conducted the devotional exercises assisted by A. A. Blevins.

41. At 9:30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator and Clerk read minutes of yesterday which were adopted.

42. Committee on Order of Business submit partial report which was adopted as follows:

(a.) 9:30 to 10:30 Foreign Missions and Layman's Movement.
(b.) 10:30 to 11 Temperance.
(c.) 11 to 11:30 Miscellaneous.
(d.) 11:30 to 1 P. M. Sermon and intermission.

43. The Foreign Mission report, having been misplaced, the subject was discussed and the Clerk given the privilege of inserting said report when found.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

44. The New River Association was organized in 1871 and from the first it has endorsed heartily the Foreign Mission

work. Minutes of the Association for the first few years show no contributions, but in 1875 four years after organization the churches were requested to set apart the first Sunday in October as a day of prayer for Foreign Missions.

The first reported contribution was in 1878 and amounted to $4.78 from 16 churches. Last year we reported $143.60 from 22 churches and 2 missions. This is something near 11 cents per member, This is an increase it is true, but have our contributions increased in proportion to our material developments.

The Southern Baptist Convention of this year reports an increased missionary spirit from every State. This year the convention reports nearly one half million dollars for Foreign Missions an increase of about $58,000.

Brethren of the New River Association, we believe in Missions, because Christ expressly commanded it. We believe in the Board because it systematizes the work. We believe that the heathen without the gospel is without God. We believe that the Gospel will not reach them unless man carries it. Let us realize that our help is needed in money as well as our prayers to co-operate with the great work in the Foreign Field.

We recommend that the pastors and churches of the New River Association pray that some one will be sent from our bounds to carry the glad tidings of great joy to those who live in a land of darkness.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Poe.

J. H. LaRue read

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

45. This movement originated in the great Interdenominational Convention in New York City, composed of Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, etc.

It has for its object the evangelization of the world. But each denomination working through their own respective Boards. Its object is not to form any new organ, but to give aid and strength to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, J. Campbell White, J. Harry Tyler, chairman Ex. Com., J. T. Henderson Traveling Secretary in the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention.

The chairman of the Ex. Com. asks that in this Association a chairman be appointed with two assistants.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we heartily endorse this movement that betokens great things for the evangelization of the world.

2. That plans be laid for perfecting an organization among the laymen of our own New River Association.

Reports discussed very ably by J. H. LaRue and S. W. Edmondson and adopted.

46. Wm. Stamper presented

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee would recommend total abstainance in all things that are wrong, or hurtful to the health and happiness of our people—such as lying, stealing, drinking ardent spirits, etc., and temperance in all things allowable. The intemperate use of strong drink is slaying its thousands every year and the temperate use of intoxicants is constantly making drunkards.

Therefore let us by precept and example oppose the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage which is bringing so much shame, disgrace and misery upon our people—breaking the hearts and blasting the hopes of fathers and mothers. Therefore let us heartily endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League of Va., and not rest until State-wide Prohibition is attained.

Discussed in very strong and telling speeches by W. B. Greear and W. E. Lankford and adopted.

47. The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report next Association on the following questions:

State Missions—J. F. Fletcher.
Sunday School and Colportage—D. J. McCarroll.
Home Missions—J. F. Russell.
Foreign Missions—J. E. Collins.
Education—E. W. Reedy.
Minister's Relief—Hiram Pennington.
Orphanage—R. M. Young.
Temperance—J. F. Young.
Periodicals—A A. Blevins.
Layman's Movement—J. H. LaRue.

48. Independence, Haw Orchard and Flat Ridge churches have failed to report for two years and the Moderator appointed, J. F. Fletcher to visit Independence and Flat Ridge and E. W. Reedy to visit Haw Orchard and report at next Association in 1910—as to the condition of aforesaid churches.

48. The committee to nominate an Ex. Committee presented their report which was adopted as follows:

For our Executive Committee for the ensuing year we nominate the following brethren to wit:

D. J. McCarroll,
A. W. Ross,
Wm. Stamper. } Ex. Committee.

Signed by nominating committee, to wit:

C. H. Bennett,
F. A. McCarroll,
Floyd Stamper,
J. C. Brooks,
S. W. James.

49. The Moderator appointed the following committee to represent and organize the Layman's Movement in this Association, to wit:

J. H. LaRue,
A. W. Ross,
Wm. Stamper. } Com.

50. The committee to audit the Treasurer's account published in the minutes of 1908 submitted the following report as follows:

1st. There are mistakes in the figures of said minute, by whom made we know not.

2nd That the amount of money received by the Treasurer, according to the minute and his receipts for money paid out, show that he paid out 70c more money than he received.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. Young,
R. M. Young.

51. Pending the adoption of the above report the Association instructed the Clerk and Treasurer to reimburse himself for the 70c over paid—out of the money in his hands.

52. Our Colporter, J. W. Barker presented a report of his work as Colporter in this Association for the past year as follows:

Days of service actually employed and chargeable to the Board	215
Miles traveled	1502
Families visited	164
Families religiously visited	234
Persons habitually neglecting preaching	164
Families destitute of Bibles	25
Families destitute of all religious books except the Bible	42
Addresses made	16
Sunday School addresses	25
Sunday Schools organized	2
Sunday Schools reorganized	2
Sunday Schools visited and revived	9
Sunday School Convention held	1

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Total value of books sold	$433.44
Total value of Donations	$10.62
Total value of sales and donations	$144.06

53. The hour having arrived for preaching, the congregation sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by E. W. Reedy.

After reading Acts 20th chapter, A. G. Hash preached one of the most instructive and edifying sermons from the text: "I hold not my life dear unto myself," Acts, 20-24. Prayer by J. F. Fletcher.

54. Committee on Finance report and report adopted as follows:

Received from delegates for printing minutes $20.99

Pending the adoption of the above report a collection of $3.68 was taken with which to supplement Associational fund.

55. Adjourned for one hour. Benediction by A. G. Hash.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

56. The Association convened at 2 P. M.

57. W. A. Hash, a native of this county, but now our honored and very successful missionary in Buchanan county, reported himself and also J. M. Combs of the New Lebanon Association, and were welcomed to seats in the body by the Moderator.

58. E. F. Ross presented

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe the Press to be one among the greatest educators of the people, both religious and political; therefore it is the duty of all Christian people to select the best and purest papers to be brought into their homes—dime novels, and dime monthlies should not be allowed in our homes. We earnestly recommend the Religious Herald, the Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, Orphanage News and our Baptist Sunday School literature, as clean and wholesome literature fit for any home.

With these papers we can keep ourselves posted on the work of the Denomination and the progress of the cause of Christ in the world.

Discussed by W. A. Hash, W. B. Greear and adopted.

At this time it was agreed by the pastors present, that they would press the cause of our Religious papers upon their people.

59. W. B. Greear read

Report on Digest of Church Letters.

I

Financial.

12 churches gave to State Missions	$224.68
12 churches gave to Home Missions	67.73
12 churches gave to Foreign Missions	196.92
11 churches gave to Education	25.81
10 churches gave to Ministers Relief	25.19
12 churches gave to Orphanage	76.65
Total to Boards	$616.98

Increase.

Increase from last year to State Missions	$80.63
Increase from last year to Home Missions	20.65
Increase from last year to Foreign Missions	53.29
Increase from last year to Education	15.48
Increase from last year to Ministers Relief	4.70
Increase from last year to Orphanage	6.04
Total increase to all objects	$180.79

II

13 churches paid for pastor's salary $898.46. And your committee wishes to call your attention to the fact that four of these churches, to wit: Young's Chapel, Liberty Hill, Baptist Union and Rock Bridge paid their pastor $543.06 of this amount; also to the fact that these four churches gave to State, Home and Foreign Missions $398.90, which is more than half the whole amount given to the Boards by the Association. Snow Hill and Friendship reported nothing to any of the Boards, Gold Hill gave to State Missions only. Comer's Creek reported no Sunday School.

III

Membership.

Received by baptism into 9 churches	122
Received by letter into 6 churches	20
Received by restoration 5 churches	10
Total additions	152
Dismissed by letter from 9 churches	42
Dismissed by exclusion from 9 churches	13
Dismissed by death from 7 churches	12
Total decrease	67

6 churches report a gain of 55 members; while some churches report a loss of several. 13 churches report a Sunday School membership of 1028, which is a gain of 48 from last year. The Association reports a church membership of 1377, an increase of 85. Pleasant Grove, Brush Creek and Midway churches, applied for membership in our Association.

60. On motion the name of Comers Rock church was dropped from the minutes, for the reason that the church had become extinct.

61. The roll of churches were called and a delegate from each church responded in a short talk concerning the "state of their churches." Some reported great progress, others a cold lukewarm state. At this time W. A. Hash was requested to lead us in a special prayer for the churches.

62. On motion of Wm. Stamper the Clerk was allowed $10 for his services.

63. The Clerk was instructed by the Association to have seven hundred (700) copies of minutes printed and distributed to them according to the membership of the churches.

64. The Treasurer turned over to the Association ($1) one dollar, which was turned into his hands last year by former Treasurer and the Association ordered said dollar to be applied to Associational Fund.

65. Report of committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next Association, as finally amended by the Association:

Time, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before 4th Sunday in Aug. 1910.

Place—Laurel church, near Konnarock, Va.

Preacher—E. W. Reedy.

J. F. Russell,
D. J. McCarroll, } Com.
Carl S. Young.

66. J. F. Fletcher, Associational V. P. Foreign Mission Board, presented the request that the Board of this Association raise $250 for Foreign Missions during the next Associational year, and the Association endorsed it, and appointed a committee to apportion said amount among the churches. Below is report of committee as presented by J. H. LaRue, chairman, also with suggestions as to time of taking collections; which was adopted.

Baptist Union	$13.86	Blue Ridge	$4.14
Comers Creek	6.12	Fellowship	14.04
Friendship	9.22	Fries	33.12
Gold Hill	4.14	Galax	13.32
Grubb's Chapel	15.66	Laurel	12.06
Liberty Hill	24.66	Pine Branch	13.50

Rock Bridge	5.58	Snow Hill	16.38
State Line	15.48	White Top	28.22
Young's Chapel	17.28	Midway	4.00
Brush Creek	5.00	Pleasant Grove	3.50

Resolved that we adopt the following schedule for systematic beneficence, to wit:

Foreign Missions, October and May.
State Missions, S. S. and Col., July and September.
Home Missions, February and July.
Orphanage, August and December.
Ministers Relief, March and November.
Education, April and June.

67. I. N. Young offered

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered not only to the members of this church, but to the friends in the neighborhood who have so kindly entertained us during the session of the body, which was adopted.

68. Another collection for Associational fund was taken, amounting to $2.10, making the total for Associational fund, including one dollar brought forward from 1907, $27.77.

69. On motion of J. H. LaRue, Association adjourned to meet with Laurel in 1910. The Association, sang "God be with you 'till we meet again," and took the parting hand.

Prayer and benediction by J. F. Fletcher.

J. W. BARKER, Moderator,
J. F. FLETCHER, Clerk and Treas.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received of Committee on Finance:

Associational Fund	$20.99
Two Special Collections	5.78
Delayed letter from Galax	1.00
$1 brought over from 1907 Associational Fund	1.00
Total	$28.77

Disbursed:

Retained as overdraft	$ .70
Retained Salary as Clerk	10.00
Paid for Printing and Mailing Minutes	18.07
Total	$28.77

J. F. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE W. M. U. OF NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION.

With glad recognition of God's power and leadership in our work for the year and the desire that we may be more used of Him in the future to do our part in evangelizing the world, we submit this, our second annual report of the W. M. U. of the New River Association:

Fries W. M. U.	Foreign Missions	$ 7.00	
	Home Missions	3.65	
			$10.65
Grubb's Chapel	Foreign Missions	10.00	
	Home Missions	5.00	
	State Missions	2.00	
	Orphanage	1.00	
			$18.00
Liberty Hill	Foreign Missions	29.80	
	Home Missions	5.25	
	Christmas Offering	9.55	
	Orphanage	1.00	
	S. S. and Bible Board	.50	
	Shenandoah Baptist Church	1.00	
	State Missions	4.50	
			$51.60
Young's Chapel	Foreign Missions	$23.35	
	Home Missions	.70	
	State Missions	1.00	
	Christmas Offering	3.00	
			$28.05
Fries Sunb'm Band	Foreign Missions	$ 2.25	
	Orphanage	1.00	
	Church in Cuba	1.00	
	Home Missions	1.00	
	State Missions	11.88	
			$18.13
	Total Contributions		$126.43

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Increased by Baptism	By letter	By Experience	By Restoration	Decreased by letter	By Death	By Exclusion	Males	Females	Total present number	Sundays of Preaching
Baptist Union	12		1					23	54	77	1st
Blue Ridge				Last year				8	15		4th
Brush Creek											
Comer's Creek					5			16	23	39	4th
Fellowship				1		1		27	51	78	1st
Friendship					3		4	15	37	52	3rd
Fries	4	1	3		15	1		64	110	174	2and4
Flat Ridge				Last rep't				27	32		
Gold Hill	14	2						13	26	39	2nd
Galax	2	9			10	1		31	43	74	1and 3
Grubb's Chapel	25		2		5	3	3	36	71	107	4th
Haw Orchard				Last rep't				6	7	13	
Independence				Last rep't				3	3	6	
Laurel					5		1	24	42	66	3rd
Liberty Hill	23	2	1	1	7	2	1	45	92	137	3t mo.
Midway								11	16	27	
Pine Branch	24	3	1		1	2		35	70	105	1st
Pleasant Grove											
Rock Bridge	8	6			2			23	20	43	1st
Snow Hill					8	1	1	40	43	83	3rd
State Line	2	6		2	1	1		35	57	92	4th
White Top							3	55	81	136	1st
Young's Chapel	6				2			35	65	100	2nd
								562	958	1520	

Sunday School Statistics.

Churches.	Supt. and Their Postoffice.	No. Officers and Teachers	Average Attendance	Number Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Contributions for School	Contributions for Missions	Contributions for Orphanage	Number of Papers Taken	Number of Months Open
Baptist Union 1	S. W. James, Flatridge, Va.	5		40	30					
Baptist Union 2	L. C. Ross, Flatridge, Va.	8		90	60	3 36				12
Fellowship	A. J. Stamper, Comer's Rock, Va.	6		60	40	1 00				
Friendship	R. C. Spence, Troutdale, Va. / Sanders Carter, Grant, Va.	8		63						
Fries	H. Z. Sheffield, Fries, Va.	9	8	14	95	48 74				12
Gold Hill	W. O. Russel, Fox, Va.	5		50		80				
Grubb's Chapel	J. A. Haga, Major, Va. / D. H. Bishop, Fox, Va.	13		80	35	7 15				
Galax	W. I. Harp, Galax, Va.	8	6	125	75	100 00	5 00	5 00		12
Laurel	F. M. Daniels, Konnarock, Va.	6		95	40	8 00				
Liberty Hill	D. J. McCarroll, Grant, Va.	8	7	115	55	20 00	12 70			12
Pine Branch	H. J. Forrester, Major, Va. / John Lester, Major, Va.	7		122	75					
Rock Bridge	E. F. Ross, Grant, Va.	7	6	50	30	1 05				
Snow Hill	R. F. Brannock, Piper's Gap, Va.	4		50	50					
State Line	W. M. Wilson, Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.	5	5	50	30	3 00				
White Top	W. R. Blevins, Green, Cove, Va.	6		63	34	2 00				
Young's Chapel	I. N. Young, Mouth of Wilson, Va.	8	5	100	75	8 00			13	12
	Total,	113	37	1293	724	192 05	17 70	5 00	13	

Only those Churches reported that have schools.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Associational Fund	Miscellaneous	Support of S. S.	Church Building and Improvement	Paid for Evangelist Fund	Total for Home Expenses	Value of Church House and Lot	Value of Parsonage and Lot	State Missions and S. S. Colportage Work	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education Board	Ministers Relief Fund	Orphanage	Total to Boards	Total to all Purposes
Baptist Union	72 22	1 15			100 00	32 00	205 37	300 00		26 15	3 50	4 45	2 00	2 75	8 20	47 05	252 42
Blue Ridge																	
Brush Creek																	
Fellowship	25 00	1 00					26 00	800 00		2 00	1 00	1 00			1 50	5 50	31 50
Comer's Creek	26 80	1 00					27 80	200 00		1 65	1 00	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 50	7 40	35 20
Friendship	9 83	45		2 25			12 55	500 00									12 55
Fries	37 75	65			1951 75		1990 15	2000 00			9 90	18 00			4 68	32 58	2022 73
Flat Ridge																	
Gold Hill	25 65	55		1 50	200 00		227 60	300 00		5 00						5 00	232 60
Galax	150 00	1 00					151 00	1500 00	100 00	22 00		5 14			5 00	32 14	183 14
Grubb's Chapel	62 12	2 04	11 44	7 11		22 25	108 96	1040 00		9 72	5 00	10 35	1 00	1 40	2 26	29 67	138 63
Haw Orchard																	
Independence																	
Laurel	34 10	1 50					35 60	800 00		75	1 30	1 67	53		5 41	9 66	45 26
Liberty Hill	244 23	2 00			220 00	13 00	479 23	1000 00	1000 00	32 17	10 10	48 15	2 25	2 25	11 00	105 92	585 15
o Fairwood	100 03					18 46	118 49			28 00	10 60	11 09	5 83	5 91	4 05	65 48	183 97
o Troutdale	7 00					8 26	15 26			18 00	6 43	6 02	1 63	2 85	5 58	40 51	55 77
Midway		1 00					1 00										1 00
Pine Branch	63 43	2 15	21 90				87 48	500 00		10 55	2 00	3 26	1 00	1 95	6 80	25 76	113 24
Pleasant Grove																	
Rock Bridge	25 00	50	50				26 00	400 00		7 00	2 50	1 45	1 07	1 60	5 00	18 62	44 62
Snow Hill		1 00					1 00										1 00
State Line	37 75	1 50	16 00				53 25	500 00		90	45	45	45	45	45	3 15	58 40
White Top	22 23	2 50					24 73	800 00		5 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 25	12 50	37 23
Young's Chapel	93 58	2 00					95 58	1500 00		26 00	8 70	50 35	2 05	3 00	15 36	105 46	207 04
Totals	1036.69	21 99	49 84	10 86	2471 75	93 97	3685 10	12140 00	1100 00	195 34	63 48	163 63	19 81	24 16	79 98	546 49	4235 62

o Fairwood and Troutdale are Missions of Liberty Hill Church. Letters of Dismission for Pleasant Grove and Brush Creek Churches were recieved, but no statistics. See appendix for report of W. M. U. Contributions for State Missions, Sunday School and Colportage work are reported together, for many churches reported them that way in their letters.

Official Church Table.

Churches.	Pastors and Their Postoffices		Clerk's and Their Postoffices.	
Baptist Union	J. F. Fletcher,	Grant, Va.	A. W. Ross,	Flatridge, Va.
Blue Ridge	No report			
Brush Creek	No report			
Comer's Creek	A. A. Blevins,	Roe, Va.	S. J. Pennington,	Troutdale, Va.
Fellowship	A. J. Stamper,	Comer's Rock, Va.	Wm. Stamper,	Comer's Rock, Va.
Friendship	E. W. Reedy,	Volney, Va.	J. C. Murry,	Troutdale, Va.
Fries	W. E. Lankford,	Galax, Va.	Della Clifton,	Fries, Va.
Gold Hill	E. W. Reedy,	Volney, Va.	R. M. Young,	Fox, Va.
Galax	W. E. Lankford,	Galax, Va.	W. I. Harp,	Galax, Va.
Grubb's Chapel	E. W. Reedy,	Volney, Va.	J. F. Young,	Fox, Va.
Laurel	Andrew Blevins,	Azen, Va.	W. M. Henderson,	Konnarock, Va.
Liberty Hill	J. F. Fletcher,	Grant, Va.	J. W. Barker,	Grant, Va.
Midway	R. H. Johnson,	Galax, Va.	C. E. Kanode,	Galax, Va.
Pine Branch	E. W. Reedy,	Volney, Va.	Dennis Hash,	Major, Va.
Pleasant Grove	No report			
Snow Hill	W. F. Brannock,	Piper's Gap, Va.	R. F. Brannock,	Piper's Gap, Va.
Rock Bridge	J. F. Fletcher,	Grant, Va.	E. F. Ross,	Grant, Va.
State Line	J. M. Arnold,	Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.	Allex Gentry,	Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.
White Top	J. R. Brown,	Saltville, Va.	J. W. Roberts,	Park, Va.
Young's Chapel	J. F. Fletcher,	Grant, Va.	F. N. Hash,	Mouth of Wilson, Va.

MEETINGS OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SINCE ORGANIZATION, WITH OFFICERS.

CHURCH	CO AND STATE.	TIME.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER INT. SER.
Baptist Union Org	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1871	J B Jones	W C Parks	S Ross
Fellowship	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1872	J J L Sherwood	W C Parks	J J L Sherwood
Liberty Hill	Grayson, Va	Oct. 1873	J J L Sherwood	J B Jones	J T Kincannon
Forest Home	Ashe, N C	Oct. 1874	J J L Sherwood	W C Parks	I W Thomas
Pleasant Home	Ashe, N C	Sept. 1875	J J L Sherwood	W C Parks	A Stamey
Young's Chapel	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1876	J J L Sherwood	W C Parks	J J L Sherwood
Galena	Grayson, Va	Oct. 1877	J J L Sherwood	W C Parks	Not given
White Top	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1878	J J L Sherwood	W C Parks	A Stamey
Mount Pleasant	Ashe, N C	Sept. 1879	James Eller	W C Parks	L D Vaughan
Apple Grove	Ashe, N C	Sept. 1880	S Blackburn	L N Perkins	Wm. Fisher
Liberty Hill	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1881	J J L Sherwood	W C Parks	W R L Smith
Grubb's Chapel	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1882	W C Parks	W C Parks	A Stamey
Forest Home	Ashe, N C	Oct. 1883	W C Parks	W H Blevins	L D Vaughan
Baptist Union	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1884	W C Parks	H A Eller	J F Fletcher
Snow Hill	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1885	W C Parks	H A Eller	W C Parks
White Top	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1886	W C Parks	H A Eller	C J Woodson
Pleasant Home	Ashe, N C	Sept. 1887	W C Parks	H A Eller	L D Vaughan
Independence	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1888	L D Vaughan	J R Hicks	J M Pilcher
White Top	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1889	W C Parks	E W Reedy	D J Harris
Young's Chapel	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1890	W C Parks	W W Lovelace	D S Hubble
Snow Hill	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1891	L D Vaughan	I Edmundson	L L Vaughan
Grubb's Chapel	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1892	L D Vaughan	I N Young	J T Fowlkes
Liberty Hill	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1893	M B Young	J F Fletcher	S Sanders
Corinth	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1894	W F Brannock	J F Fletcher	C M Mickle
Baptist Union	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1895	W F Brannock	I N Young	C F Fields
Independence	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1896	M B Young	J F Fletcher	C T Taylor
State Line	Johnson, Tenn.	Sept. 1897	W F Brannock	J F Fletcher	W F Brannock
Snow Hill	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1898	W F Brannock	J F Fletcher	T R Fulton
Grubb's Chapel	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1899	W F Brannock	J F Fletcher	R M Lefrich
Young's Chapel	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1900	W F Brannock	J F Fletcher	T F Edmonson
Fellowship	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1901	J H LaRue	W A Hash	H M Fugate
White Top	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1902	R W Young	W A Hash	C M Rock
Liberty Hill	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1903	R W Young	W A Hash	C T Taylor
Young's Chapel	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1904	R W Young	H M Fugate	C W Trainham
Rock Bridge	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1905	R W Young	W A Hash	W L Richardson
Friendship	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1906	J W Barker	E W Reedy	J M Pilcher
Pine Branch	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1907	J W Barker	E W Reedy	C T Taylor
Snow Hill	Grayson, Va	Sept. 1908	J W Barker	J F Fletcher	E W Reedy
Liberty Hill	Grayson, Va	Aug. 1909	J W Barker	J F Fletcher	J H Powers

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MINUTES

OF THE

NEW RIVER

District Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

White Oak Grove, Floyd Co., Va.,

June 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1892.

Landmark Steam Printing House,
Wilson, N. C.
1892.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. F. Stubbs. Subject, Inspiration. 2d Tim. 3: 16.

The Association convened in the house and was duly organized by praise and prayer by Elder E. M. Barnard.

Letters from all the churches were received, read, and Messengers seated as follows:

Panther Creek—Elders F. P. Branscome, J. A. Matherly and brother H. Montgomery.

Fellowship—Elder Isaac Webb.

Laurel Creek—Elder W. R. Cummins, and brethren John Weaver and A. F. Ferguson.

Concord—Brethren J. H. Cruise and R. P. Terry.

Little Flock—Elders R. M. Mabry and F. C. Reynolds.

Harmony—Elder D. S. Webb and brethren J. Edwards and N. L. Semones.

Wilson's Grove—Elders G. A. Reed, G. E. Wilson and brother T. E. Wilson.

Mount Zion—Brother R. D Melton.

Bethel—Elder J. W. Hurst and brethren A. J. Nunn and W. H. Suthern.

Meadow Creek—Brethren S. B. Wilson, C. Simpkins and Joseph Sarles.

Little Vine—*Elder J. M. Allen and brethren W. R. Surratt and J. L. Richardson.

Indian Creek—Brethren A. Harris and R. Philips.

Pilgrim's Rest—Brethren L. C. Godbey, H. Allison and J. R. Odell.

Conner's Grove—Brethren O. Harman J. R. Wickham.

Laurel Fork—Elder A. Thomas,* brethren J. D. McGrady, A. Nester, and S. B. Bowman.

New Hope—*Elders Thos. Dickens, *J. M. Jennings and brethren G. B. Mabry and G. S. Martin. (Absentees marked thus*)

White Oak Grove—*Elder J. C. Hall, A. Dickerson, P. G. Lester and brother J. E. Altizer.

Called for correspondence.

From the Mountain—Minutes.

From Fishers' River—Elder J. M. Wyatt with Minutes.

From Pig River—Elders Peter Corn, Z. T. Turner, and brother Silas Minter.

From Smith's River—Elders Q. D. Weeks, A. D. Shortt, J. E. Marshall, J. T. Turner, and brethren T. L. Nixon and F. Shusher.

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Indian Creek—Elder Wm. L. Simmons.

Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard and brother G. W. Lawless.

Visitors were called for.

Elder M. F. Stubbs from Lower Canoochee Association of Georgia. Elder J. S. Collins of Trinity River, Texas, and brethren H. C. Booker Fishers' River, and E. P. Barnard Smiths' River were seated with us together with the correspondents.

Appointed brethren G. S. Martin, N. L. Semones with the Messengers of White Oak Grove church, a special committee to arrange for preaching, who selected Elders Corn, Wyatt, Weeks and Barnard to preach on Saturday, and Elders Z. T. Turner, Stubbs and Collins to preach on Sunday.

Chose Elders D. S. Webb, Matherly, Reed, Cummins and Dickerson with the Moderator and Assistant Clerks to arrange the business for consideration to-morrow. Then adjourned until to-morrow, nine o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 4th, 1892.

1st. The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, and deliberations opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. S. Collins.

2d. The roll was called, absentees marked, reading the Rules of Decorum dispensed with.

3d. The bill of arrangements was received and the Committee was discharged.

4th. Amended Article 4th of the minutes of June 6th, 1891, by adding the word *all*, so as to read: "The Association agreed that it is gospel order for a church to send, either to the Association, or to *all* the sister churches for a Presbytery to ordain a minister, &c.,

5th. Query. Is it proper for a Primitive Baptist to act as agent in selling the new version of the Scriptures ? Answer. No.

6th. Correspondents to sister Associations reported satisfactorially and were discharged.

6. Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations as follows :

To Pig River—Elders J. C. Hall, A. Dickerson, R. M. Mabry and W. R. Cummins.

To Indian Creek—Elders G. A. Reed, J. A. Matherly, J. W. Hurst, G. E. Wilson, and brethren C. Simpkins, J. R. Odell and N. Allison.

7. Agreed to hold a section meeting with the church at Little Vine, commencing Friday before the 3d Sunday in August, next. Elders Reynolds, Hurst and Mabry to attend the same.

8. Agreed to hold our next session of the Association with the church at Panther Creek, Carroll County, Va., to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1892, Elder G. A. Reed to preach the introductory Sermon, Elder G. E. Wilson, alternate.

10th. Adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

ISAAC WEBB Mod.

P. G. Lester and F. P. Branscombe Ass't Clerks.

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FALL SESSION.

The Fall Session convened with the church at Panther Creek, Carroll County Va., Friday, Sept. 9th, 10th and 11th 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder George A. Reed, from John 3: 3. "And Jesus answered and said unto him." &c.

After a short recess the Association convened in the house and was duly opened with praise and prayer by Elder Amos Dickerson.

Received letters from all the churches of the Association which were read and Messengers names and state of the churches minuted in Statistical table (See table.)

Correspondents from sister Associations called for, when Elders J. E. Marshall, Q. D. Weeks and brother V. Pendleton from Smiths' River; brother S. S. Wood from Pig River, and Elder Jacob Hylton from Indian Creek, reported and were seated in council.

Brother E. P. Barnard, visitor from Smith's River was also seated in council.

Then on motion the Moderator appointed five brethren of the body with the Messengers' from Panther Creek church a committee to select a committee of arrangements and preachers to occupy the stand during the Association. They appointed for the committee, Elders Dickens, Dickerson, Matherly, Jennings, Allen, the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerks. And Elders Marshall, Hylton, Dickens and Dickerson to preach on Saturday, and Elders Hall, Weeks and Lester on Sunday.

Brethren T. D. Hart and Jno. V. Cruise were appointed a committee of Finance. Then adjourned to meet Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning 9 O'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment and deliberations opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. G. Lester.

Called the Roll and marked absentees.

Read the rules of Decorum.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

Then proceeded with business as follows:

1st. Called on Correspondents who were appointed to attend sister Associations to report. They made a good report and were discharged.

2d. Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To the Mountain—Elders D. Smith Webb, J. M. Jennings and brother H. Montgomery.

To Smith's River—Elders R. M. Mabry, J. A. Matherly, F. P. Branscombe, P. G. Lester, and brethren Joseph Worrell, J. D. McGrady and A. Nestor.

To Mayo—Elder F. P. Branscombe and J. A. Matherly.

To Fisher's River—Elders F. P. Branscombe, J. M. Allen and brethren J. Worrell and J. D. McGrady.

To Pig River—Elders F. P. Branscombe, J. C. Hall, P. G. Lester, A. Dickerson, W. R. Cummins and brother C. Simpkins.

Agreed to continue the correspondence by Minutes with Kehukee, Contentnea, Country Line, Staunton River, Senter, Black Creek and

Eno Associations.

3d. Called on Elders who were appointed to attend the Section meeting at Little Vine to report. They reported a good attendance and a pleasant meeting.

4th. Read and received the circular prepared by Elder Reynolds and appointed Elder J. W. Hurst to prepare the next.

5th. Ordered the obituary of Elder I. L. Rigney, written by Elder I. Webb,to be printed with these minutes.

6th. Committee of Finance reported contribution from the churches at this time to be $32.29. In treasurer's hands $15.76. Total $48.05. Directed the Clerk to have 1200 copies of these minutes printed. Paid for printing and distributing the minutes to the different churches and Associations as directed $20.00. Clerks compensation $10.00. Leaving in the treasurers hands $18.05 subject to the order of the Association.

7th. Query. When brethren are at meeting when we hold communion and absent themselves or go home and do not come in and take part in the communion, what should a church do in such cases? Answer, The deacons should look after such members, learn why they absent themselves, and if they do not give satisfactory reasons for such a course they should admonish them in love to desist from their course, and if they continue to persist the church should deal with them as transgressors.

8th. Agreed that our Spring Session be with the church at Fellowship, Carroll Co., Va., to commence Friday before the 1st Sunday in June 1893, if the Lord wills, and Elder G. E. Wilson preach the Introductory sermon and Elder J. W. Hurst be his alternate.

Then dismissed in gospel order.

I. WEBB. Mod.

J. C. HALL, Clerk.
P. G. LESTER and F. P. BRANSCOMBE, } Ass't Clerks.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

As the time is nearing when the brethren will meet in an associated capacity and as it falls to my lot to write a circular to be attached to our next minutes, as I know of no better subject to address the brethren upon, I will refer you to St. John 15th Chapt. and 13th verse. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." These words were used by the Saviour to the Apostles before his ascension. It is not possible that there could be any greater love bestowed on man than the love of Christ. We see then that it was because of the love of God to usward that Christ died for us, not for works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his own purpose and grace given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. But this grace and love was made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. So Christ was obedient in love to his Father in all that was assigned him to do, and he obtained eternal redemption for us, gave us a commandment that we should love one another as he had loved us. Surely that love was wonderfully great. For when we were without strength Christ died for us, (the church) and gave us a law by which to be governed in this world. Then dear brethren if we possess the love for each other that Christ had for us, surely all hatred and strife and envy would cease to exist among the brotherhood.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not grievous. Not that we must keep his commandments in order to love God. But it is love of God revealed in us that moves us to obey and keep his commandments If you love me keep my commandments, said Christ. By so doing you prove that we love one-another and that we love God, for God is love, and he that loveth is born of God.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Then if we are the sons of God, we ought to walk as the children of God. And thereby show the praise of that redeemer who gave himself for us, who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of the Father I have made known unto you: for the Father so loveth the son that he showeth him all things whatsoever he doeth." Then the son delivered these things to his friends. For Christ kept nothing hid from his people that his Father had showed to him. Christ saith. "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." Then how are we to bring forth that fruit? only by abiding in him, as he is the living vine and ye cannot bring forth good fruit except ye abide in Christ.

Therefore let us walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, in all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace."

"There remaineth therefore a rest unto the people of God." Dear brethren let us labor to enter into that rest. For it remains: it has never been taken away. Christ has entered into his rest. As God ended his work and rested on the seventh day. We see that God's rest was at the end of his work. Rest is always at the end of labor. Not that we must perform good works in order to become heirs of God. For we are the children of God by Faith. And we are led by the Spirit into the kingdom of God. Then work out your own salvation with fear, and trembling, For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. May the peace of God rest upon Zion. May he lead his people in the way everlasting for Christ's sake.

J. C. HALL, Cl'k. I. WEBB, MOD.

P. S. The church at White Oak Grove reports the ordination of brother W. W. Thompson to the office of Deacon in said church.

OBITUARY.

Elder Isaac L. Rigney, son of Green and Elizabeth Rigney, was born in Floyd County, Va., Nov. 7, 1838. Married to Miss Adaline Weaver, by which union were born eleven children. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at West Fork May 1865. He took a letter of dismission Nov. 1866, and joined Indian Creek Church, was licensed by said church on the 23rd of February 1867 to preach the gospel wherever God in his providence should cast his lot. By request of the church a presbytery of Elders. John C. Hall, Thomas Dickens and Amos Dickerson met Nov. 21, 1868, and by examination of his gift, considered him orthodox, and ordained him to all the functions of the gospel of Christ. He was generally stout and active. Was almost an expert in the common mechanical pursuits of life His preaching was very acceptable among the people and especially to them of the household of God. But disease weakened this strong and active man, and on July 4th, 1890, death claimed him as its victim. He was 51 years 6 months and 28 days old, and in the ministry 23 years. His remains now rest in Pulaski Co, Va. We will meet him in council no more in time. His loved companion and children are left to mourn his absence. The voice which once cheered the home and edified the church is hushed in death, but we hope that the creature, which was made subject to vanity, sickness, trials and death, shall itself be delivered from the bondage of corruption and as the mortal body was a companion to this mortal life, so may it be a spiritual body suited to the heavenly life. Paul says: "The sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us. As Joshua was called to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Moses so will God call whomsoever he will to carry out such labor as was assigned our beloved brother. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

ISAAC WEBB.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF EACH.

Thomas Dickens,	
J. C. Hall,	Dug Spur, Va.
Amos Dickerson,	Gogginsville, Va.
Isaac Webb,	Floyd Courthouse, Va.
Allen Thomas,	Hillsville, Va.
James M. Jennings,	Gladesboro, Va.
R. M. Mabrey,	Hillsville, Va.
P. G. Lester,	Prinston, Va.
J. A. Matherly,	Floyd Courthouse, Va.
D. S. Webb,	Prinston, Va.
F. P. Branscome,	Hillsville, Va.
F. C. Reynolds,	Oclahoma, Va.
W. R. Cummins,	Prinston, Va.
J. W. Hurst,	Terys Fork, Va.
G. A. Reed,	Radford's Furnace, Va.
G. E. Wilson,	Snowville, Va.
	Snowville, Va.

LICENCIATES.

C. Simpkins,	
S. Hughett,	Indian Valley, Va.
J. B. Cockram,	Indian Valley, Va.
Jas. & D. T. Conner,	Meadows of Dan, Va.
J. T. Walker,	Prinston, Va.
	Woodlawn, Va.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd by Experience & Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deaths.	Total in Fellowship.	Contributions.
Fellowship	Isaac Webb, C. Martin, N. J. Combs, J. V. Cruise,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	81	$ 2 00
Laurel Creek	*W. R. Cummins, *A. F. Ferguson, L. R. Martin, H. Cummins,	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	2 40
Concord	Thomas DeHart, J. H. Cruise, R. P. Terry,	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	78	2 10
Little Flock	R. M. Mabrey, F. C. Reynolds and C. B. Mabry,	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1	41	1 50
Harmony	D. S. Webb, E. Y. Gardner and N. L. Semones,	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	64	2 35
Wilsons Grove	G. A. Reed, G. E. Wilson and Wm. Merideth,	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	25	1 00
Mount Zion	R. D. Melton, J. Winesett and *J. A. Walker,	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	1 65
Bethel	J. W. Hurst, A. J. Nunn and Jacob Odell,	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	1 90
Meadow Creek	*S. B. Wilson, Jos. Sarles, C. Simpkins,	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	15	75
Little Vine	J. M. Allen, *P. S. Serratt, L Norton,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	2 00
Indian Creek	A. Harriss, S. Hughett, R. Phillips,	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	76	2 14
Pilgrims Rest	L. C. Godbey, C. Moore Jr., J. R. Odell,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	1 85
Conners Grove	Owen Harman, Jos. Helms, Jos. Vipperman,	6	1	.....	.....	.....	1	50	1 40
Laurel Fork	A. Thomas, *A. Nester, S. Bowman,	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	55	1 70
New Hope	T. Dickens, J. M. Jennings, G. B. Mabery,	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	72	3 65
White Oak Grove	J. C. Hall, A. Dickerson, P. G. Lester,	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	85	2 50
Panther Creek	F. P. Branscome, J. A Matherly, H. Montgomery,	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	55	2 00
	Totals,	21	8	3	7		16	968	$32 29